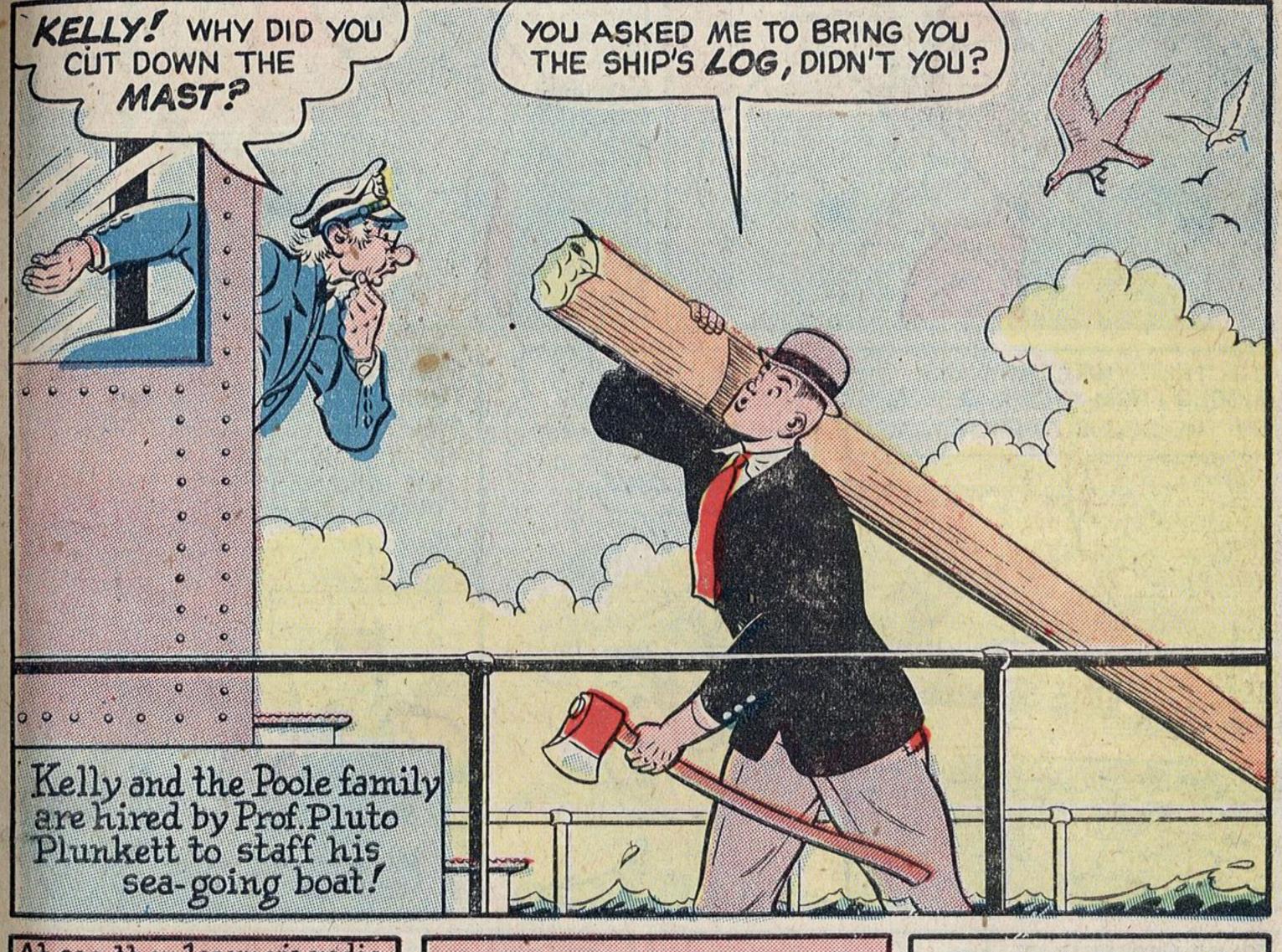




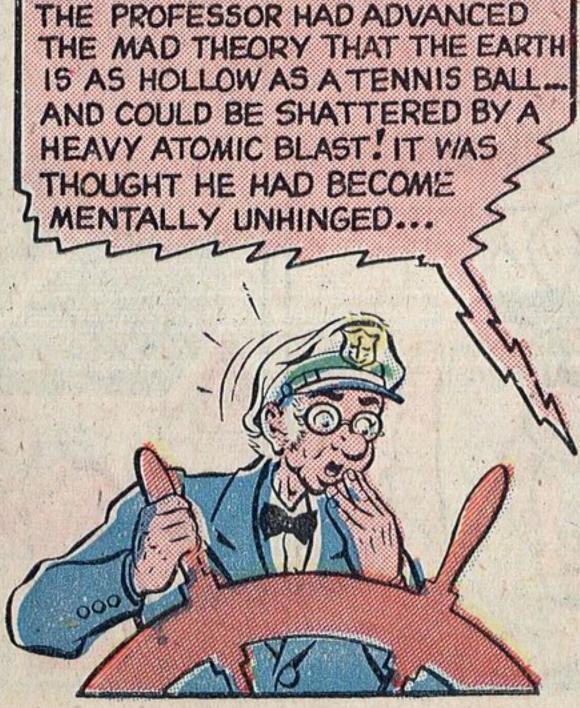


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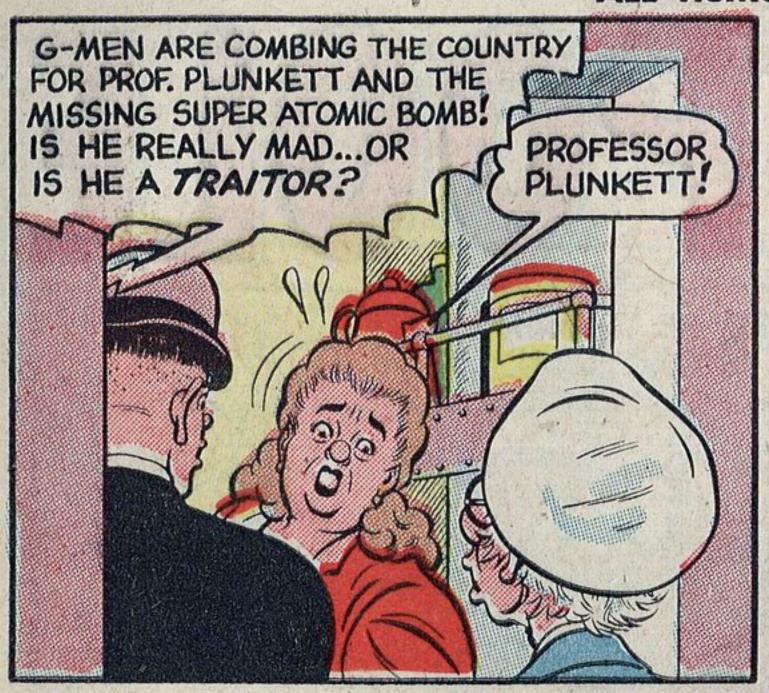
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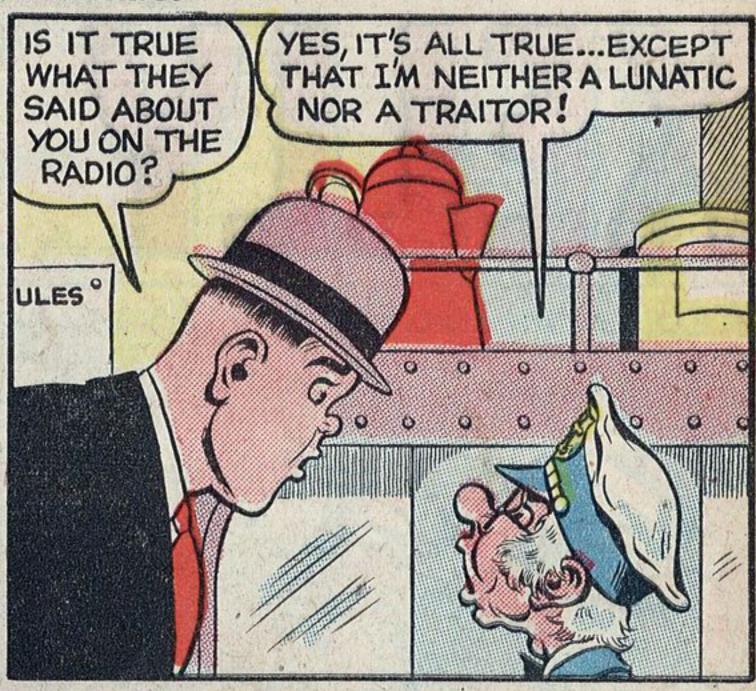


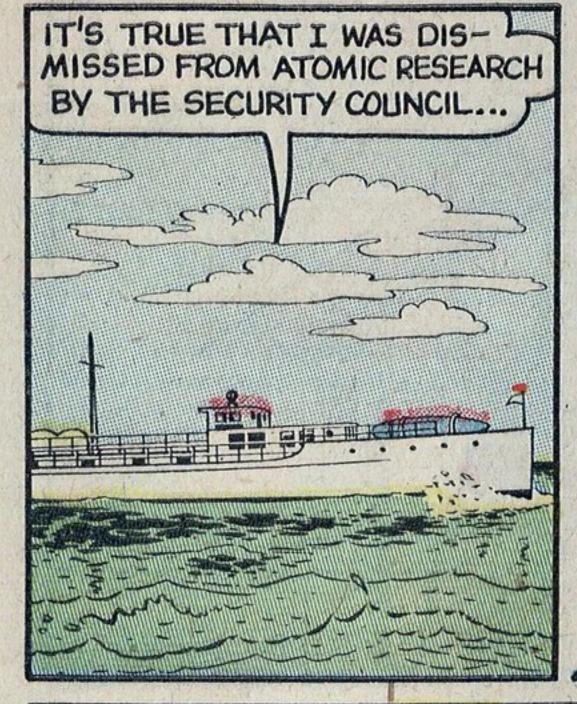




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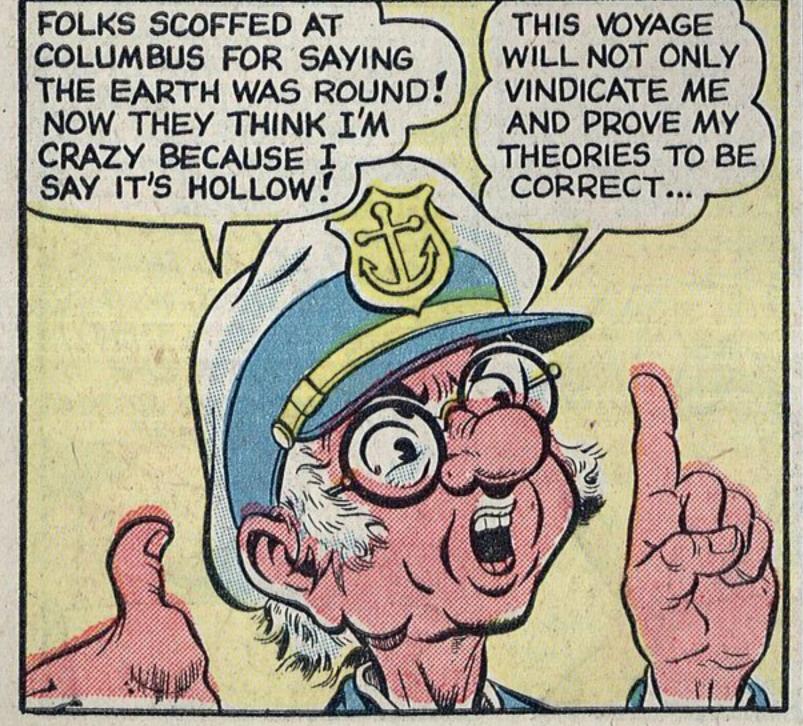




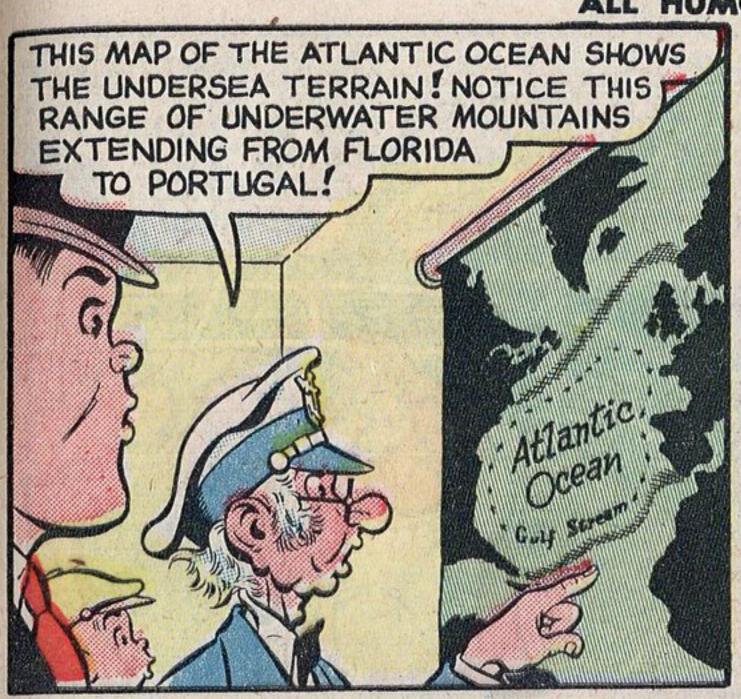


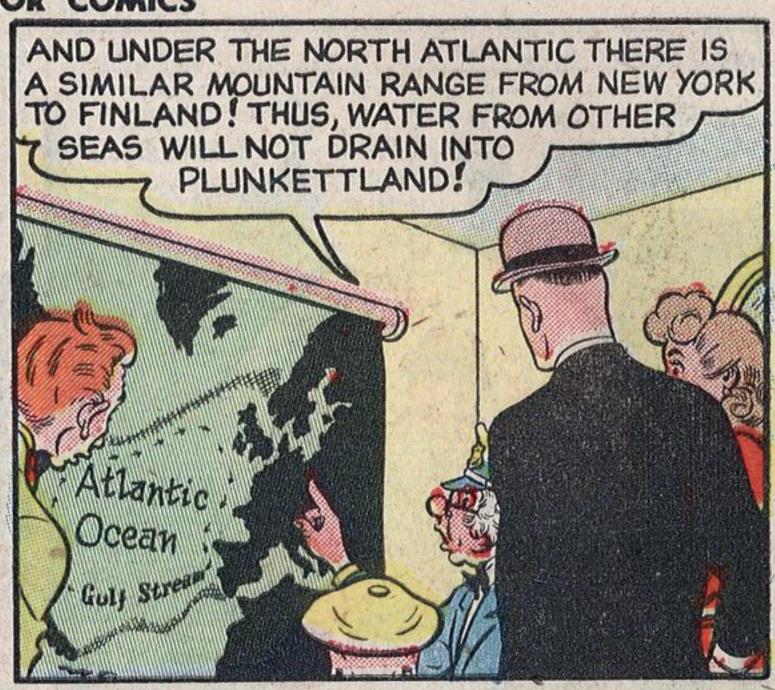


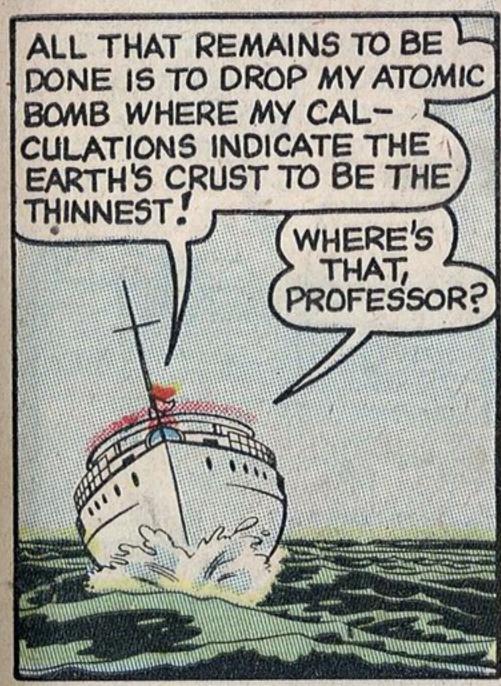




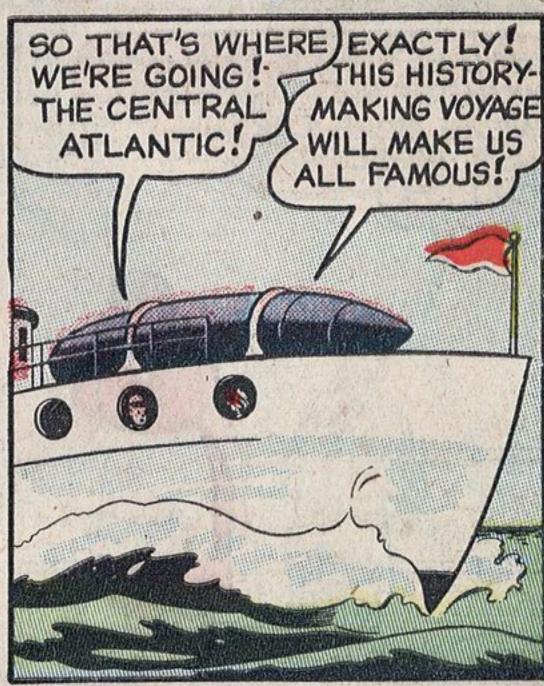




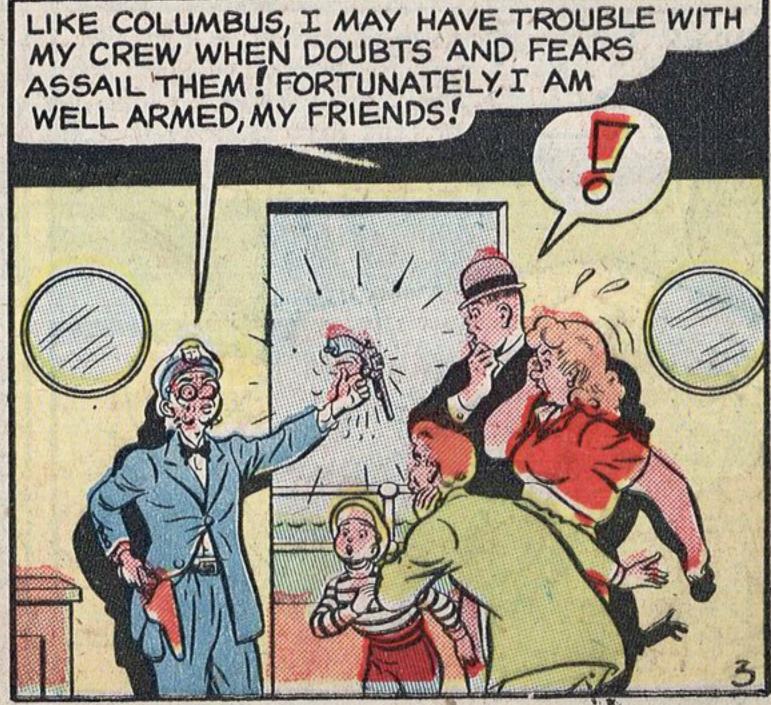


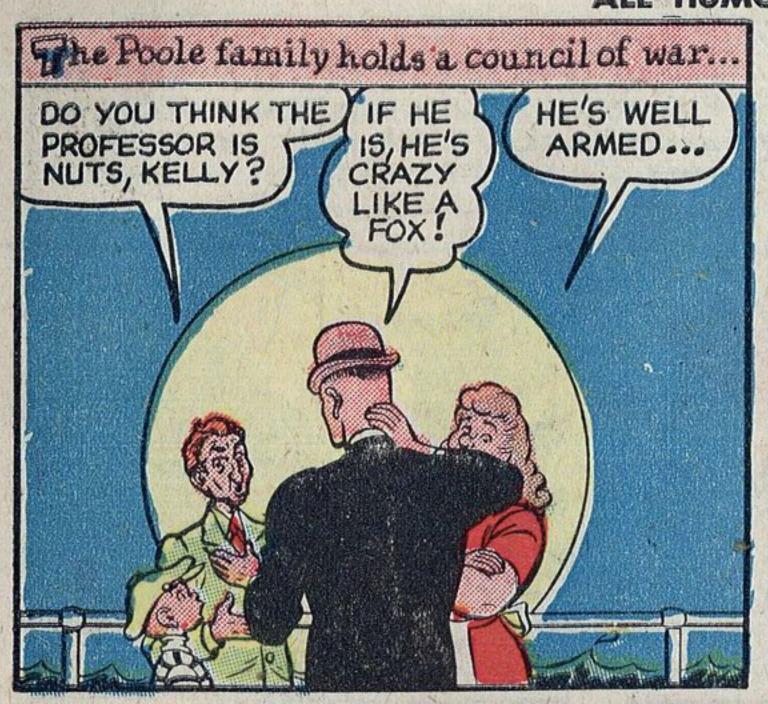








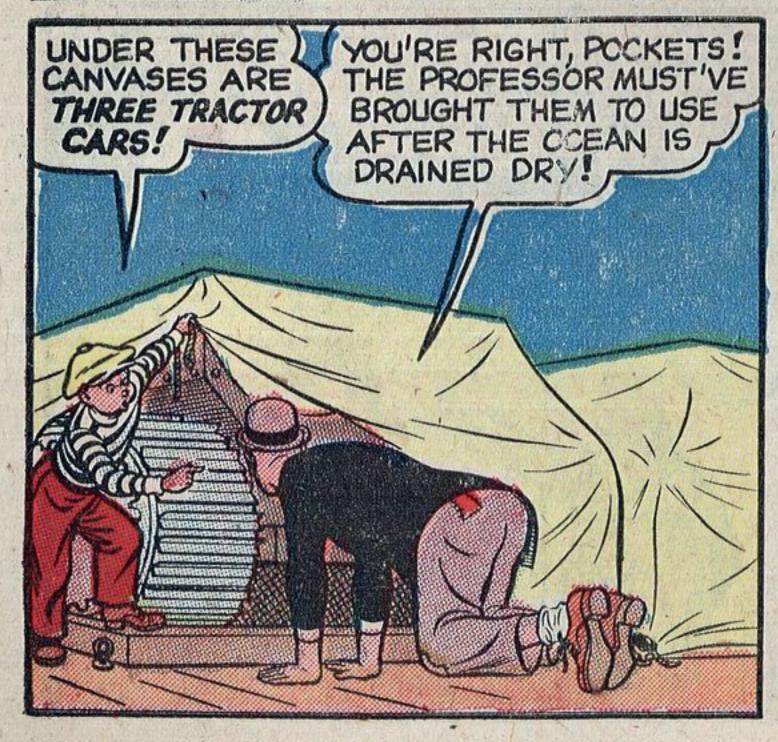


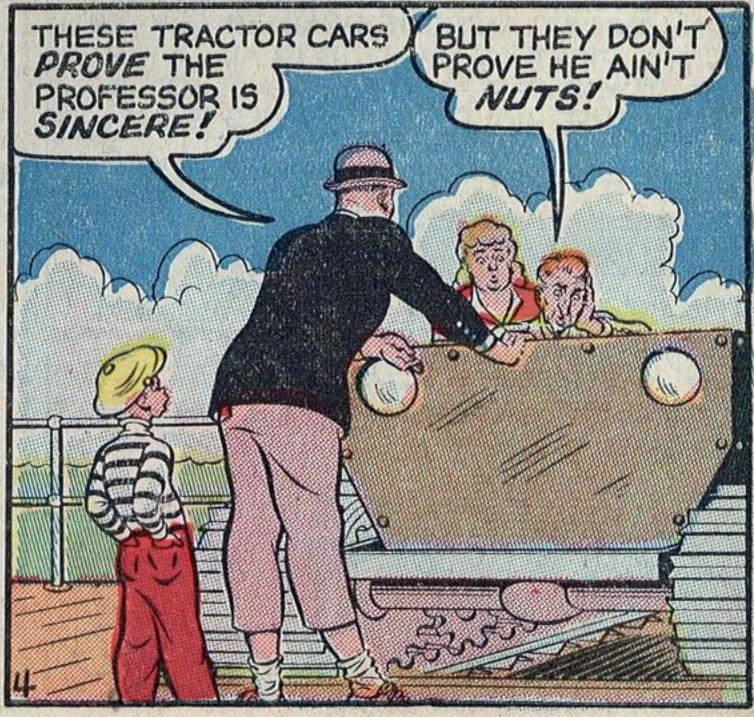




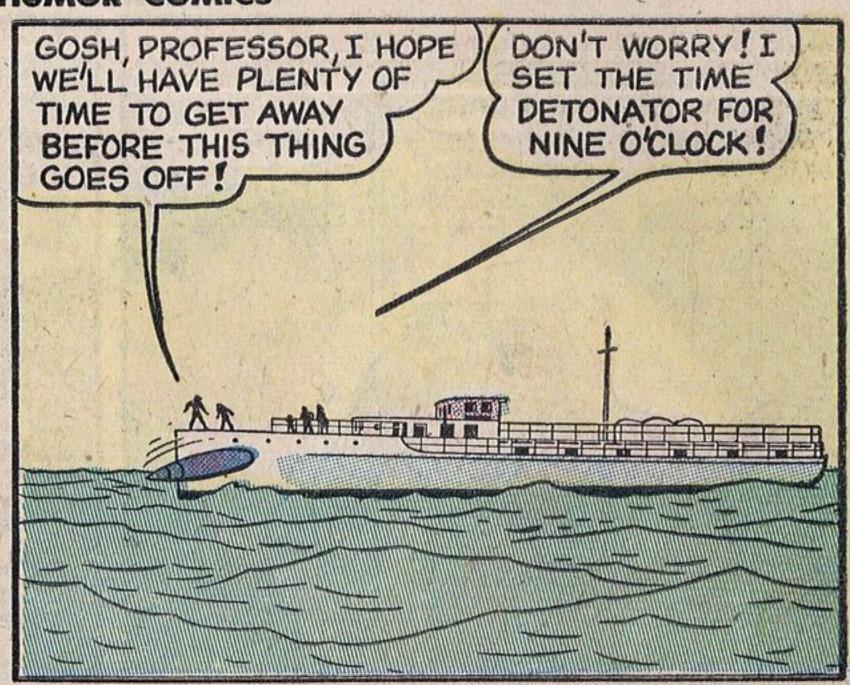




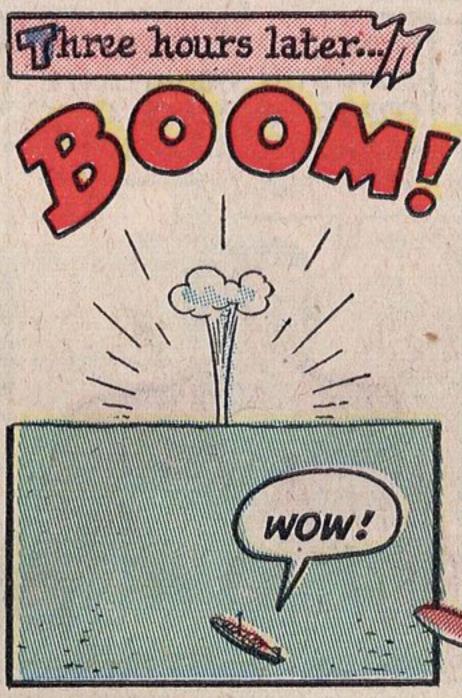




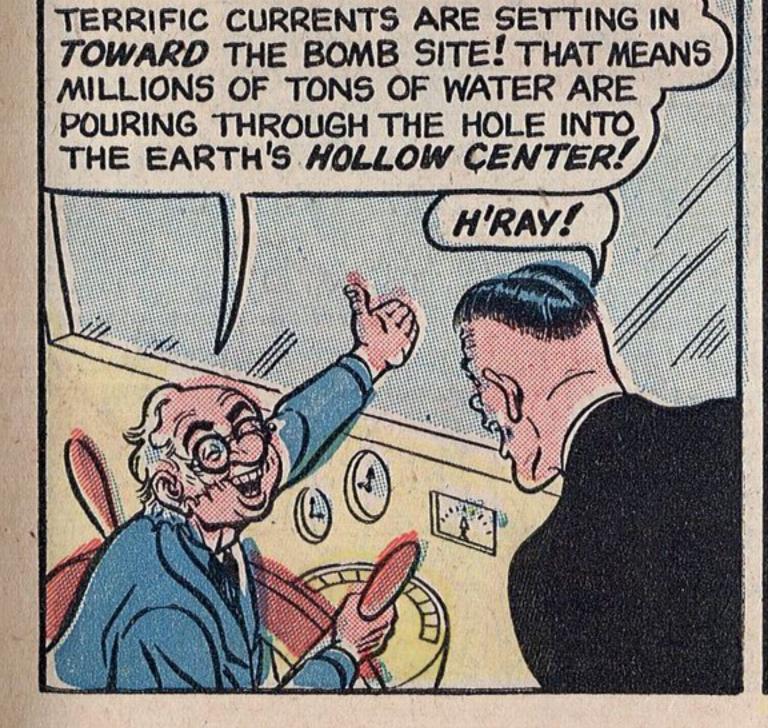




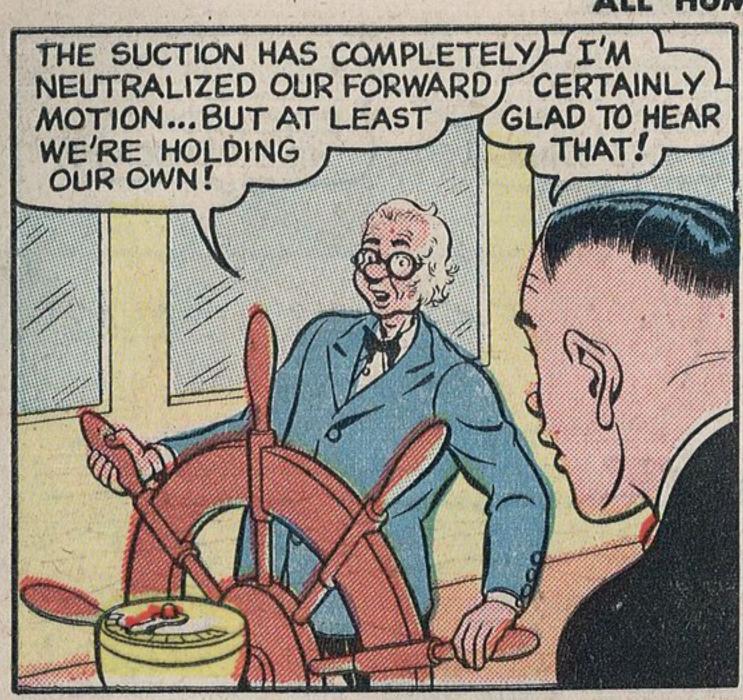
















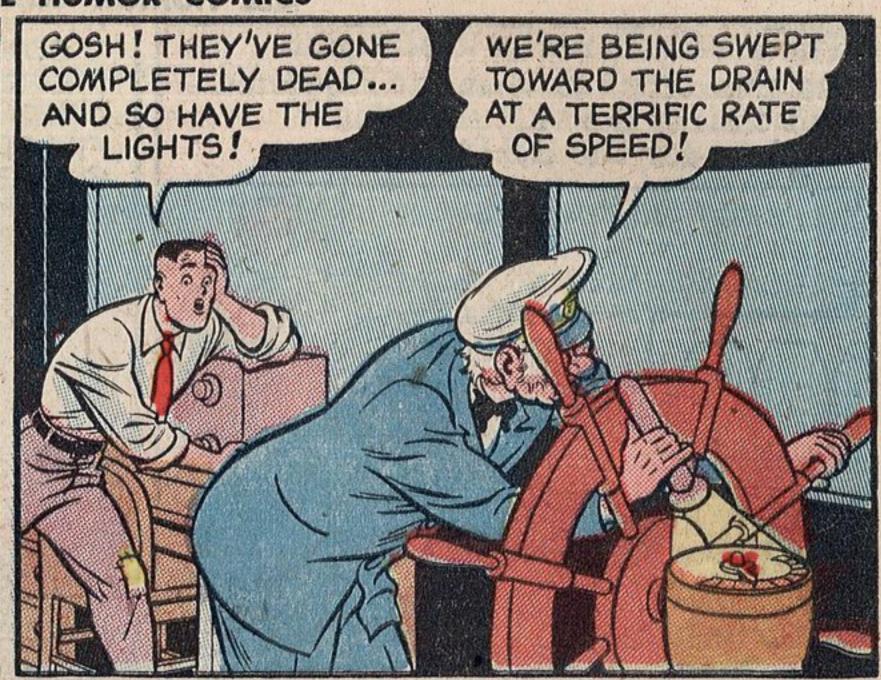


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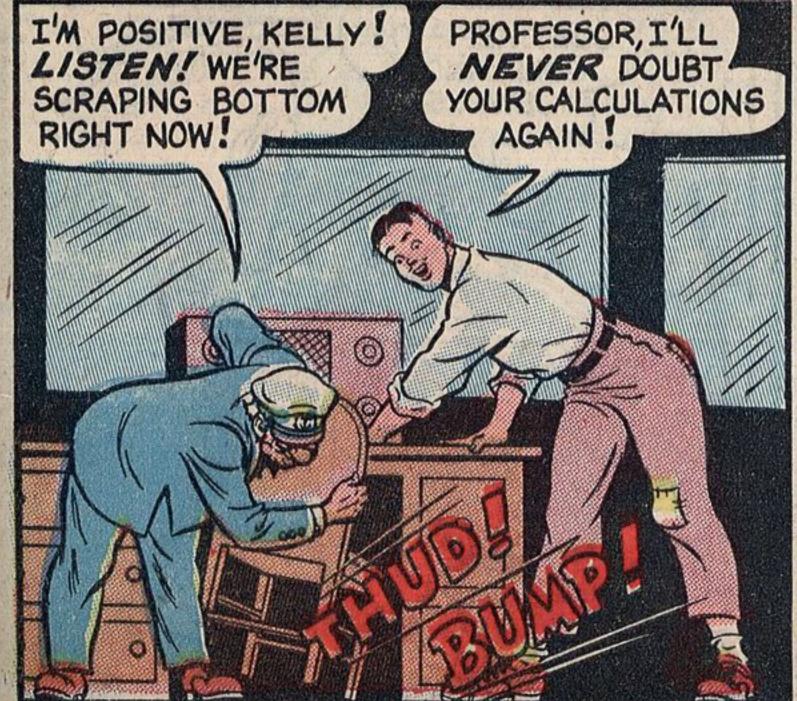


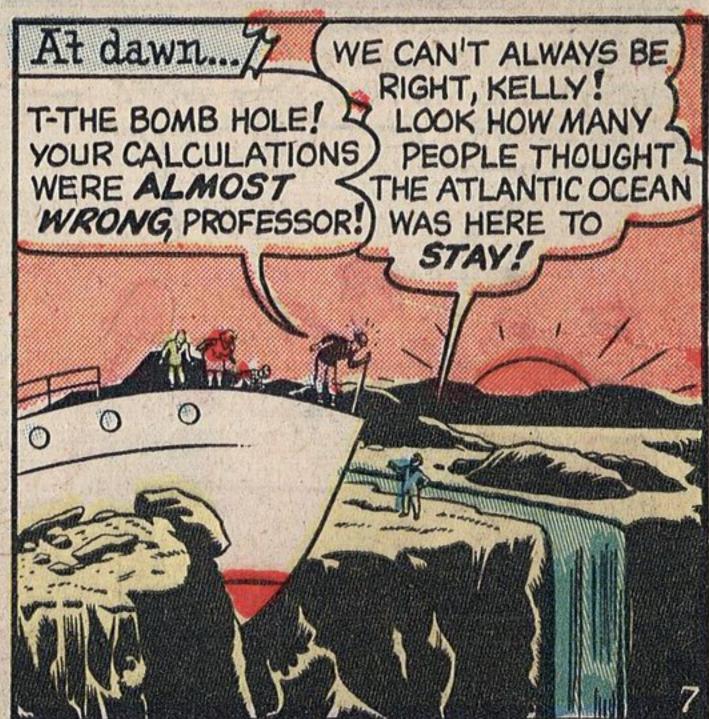




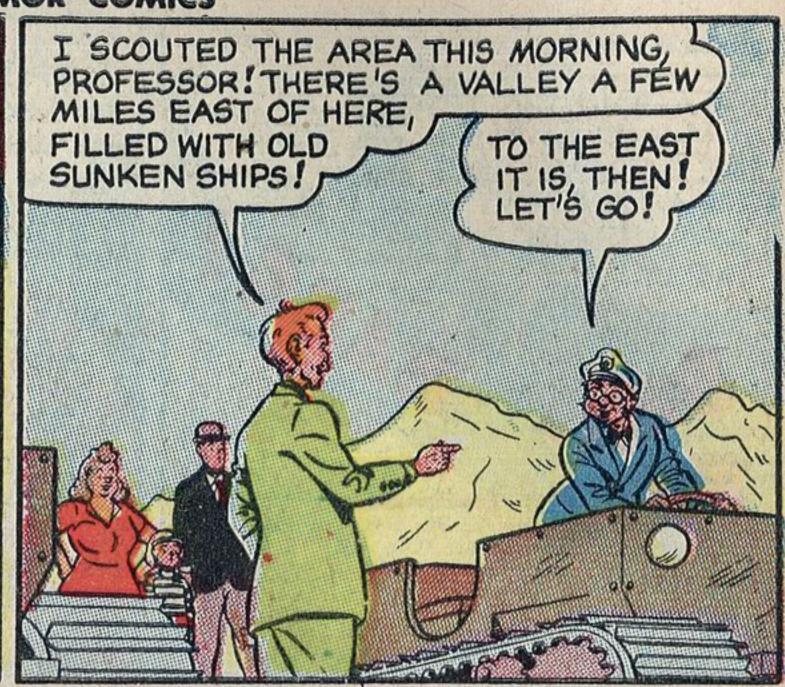


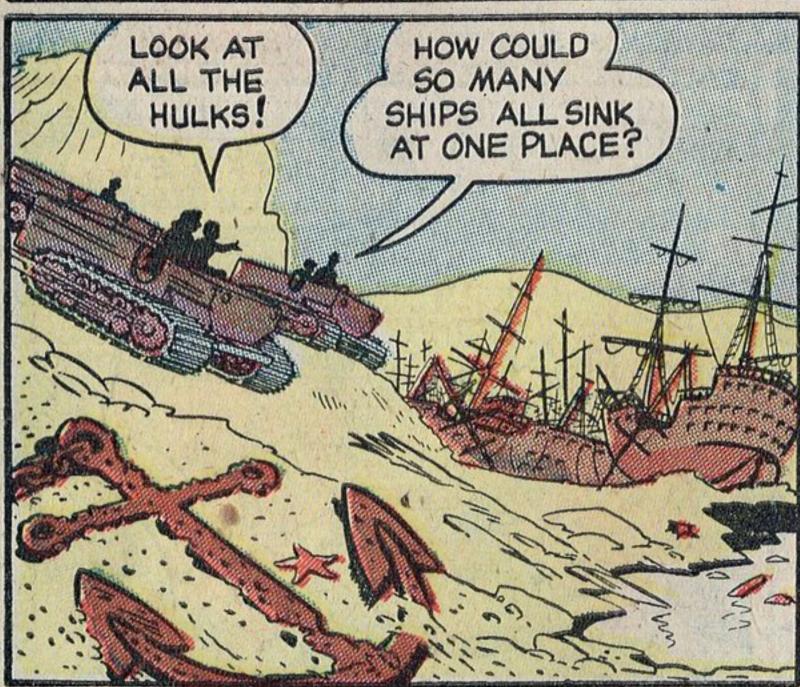


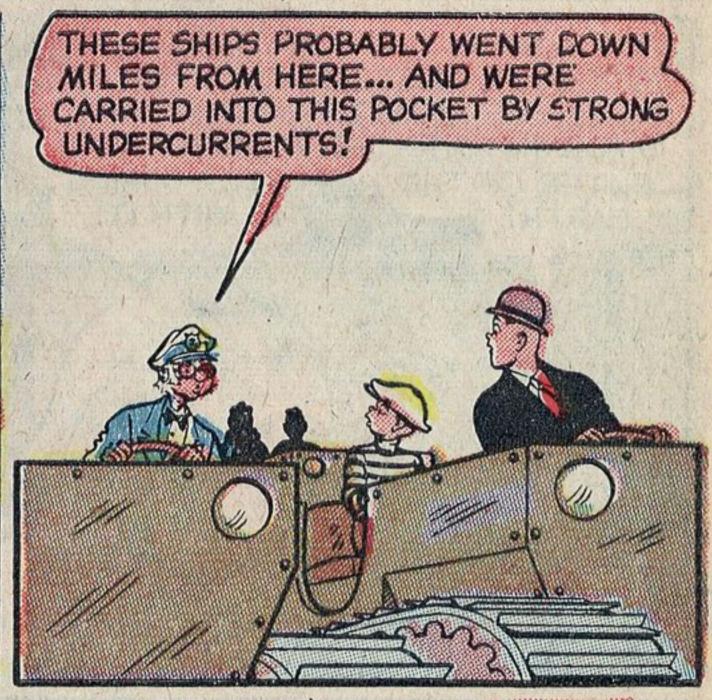


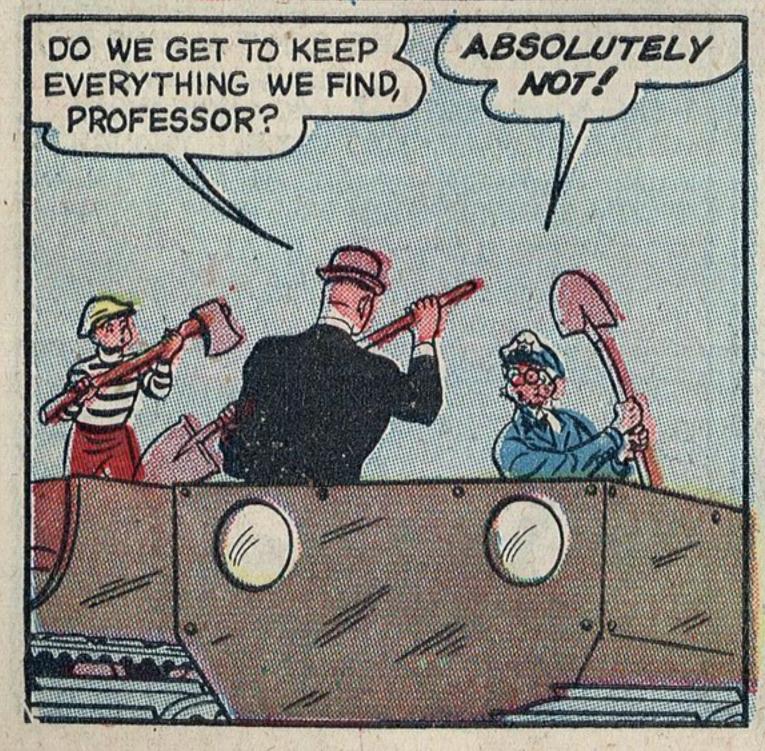




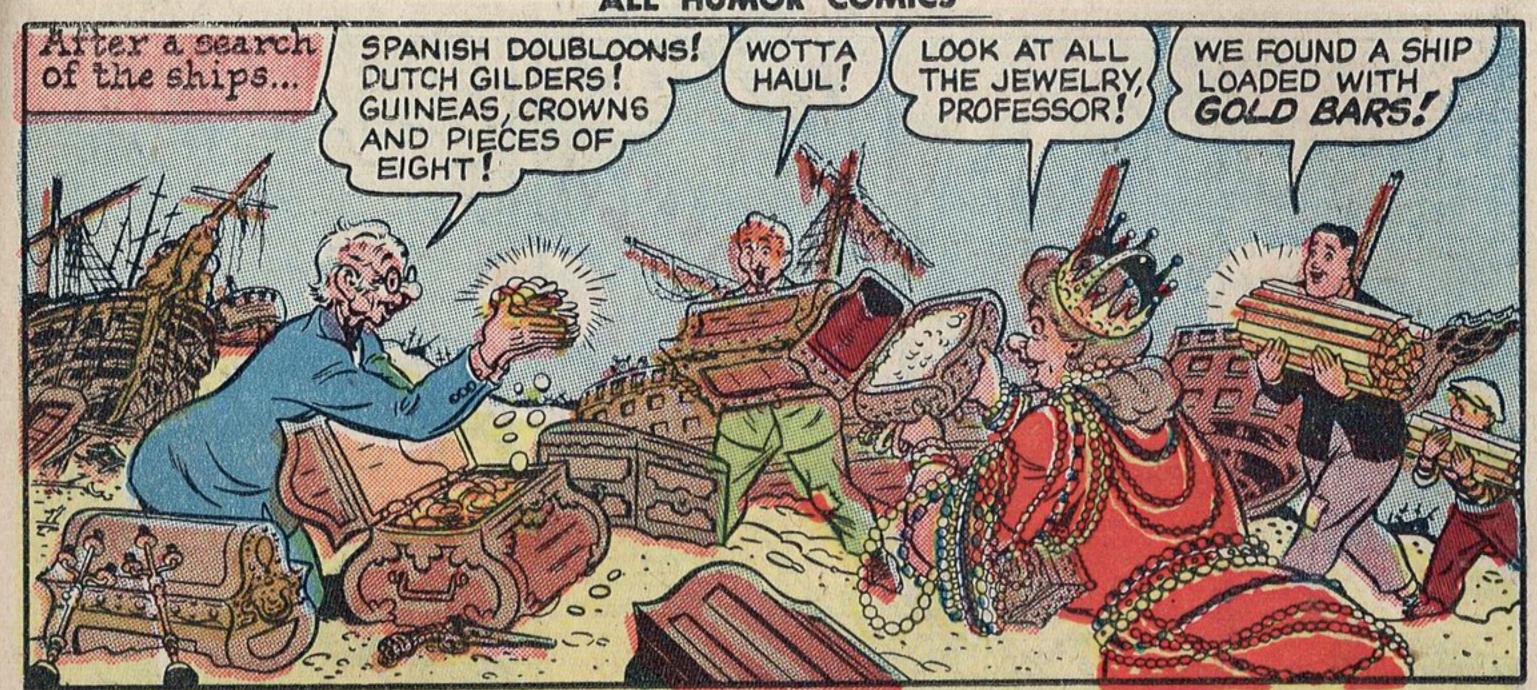








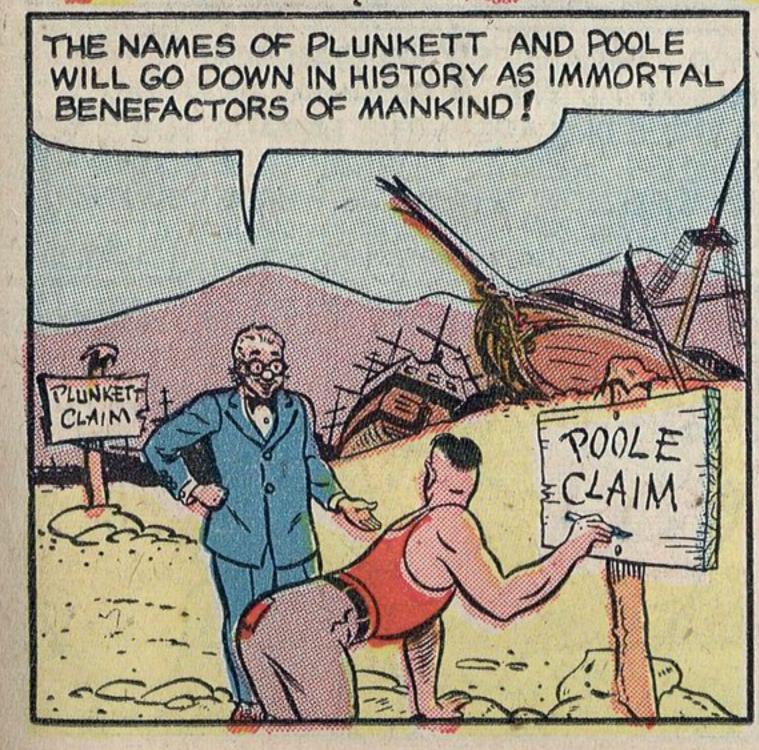




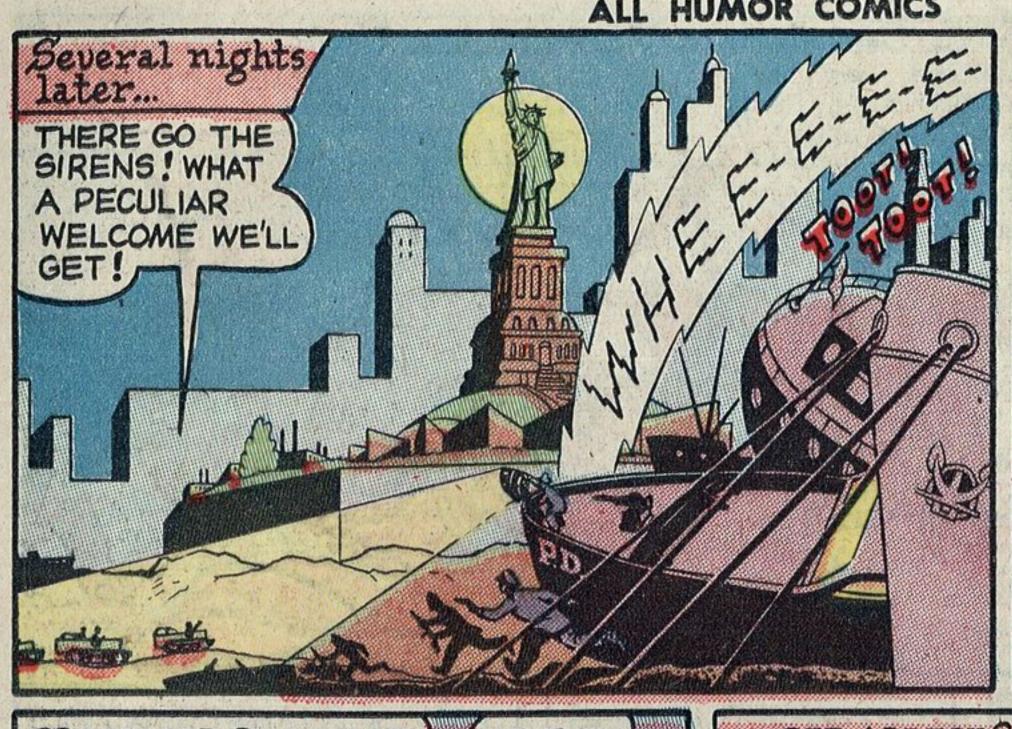






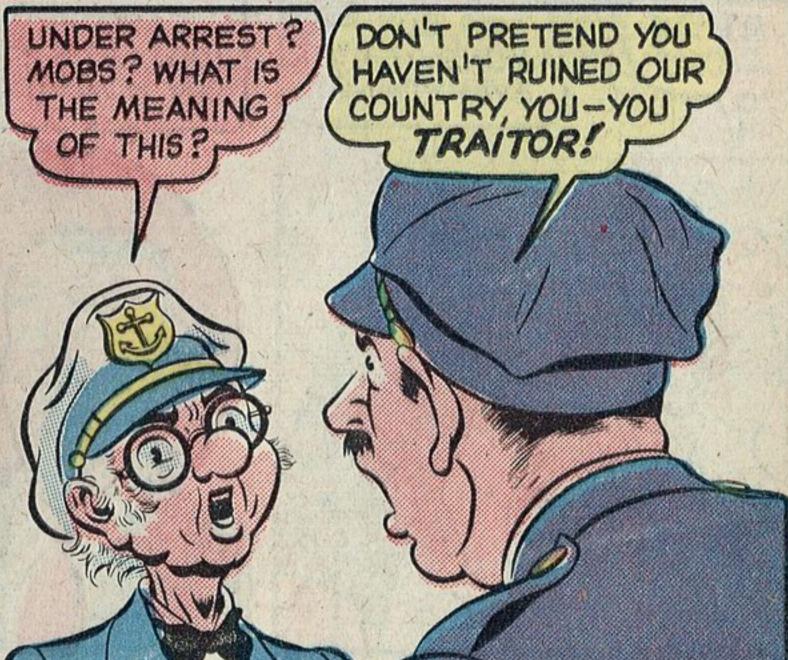


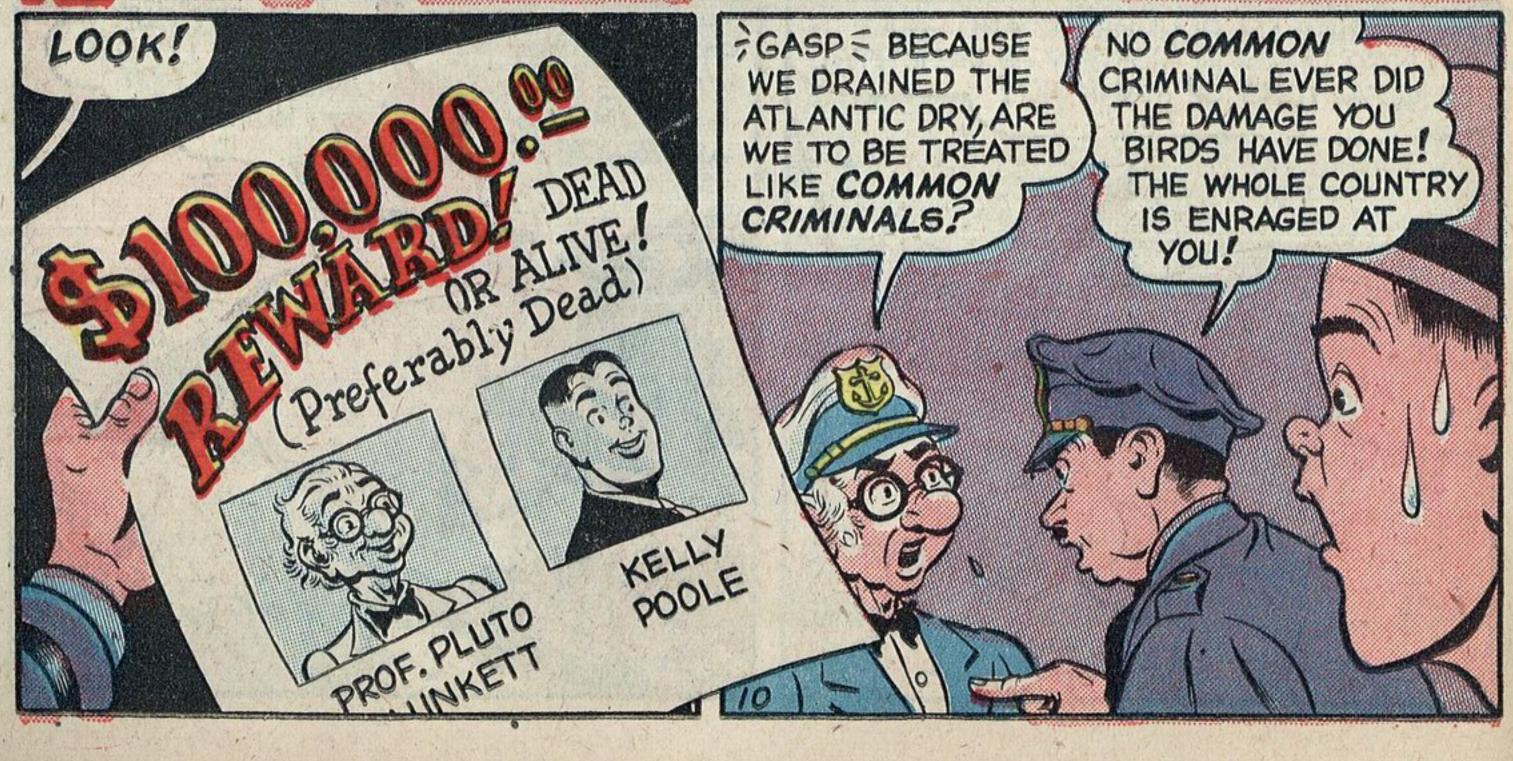






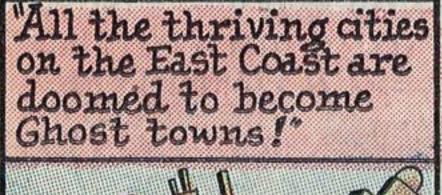


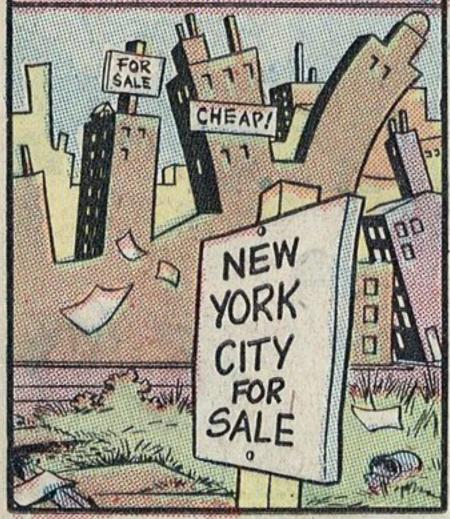












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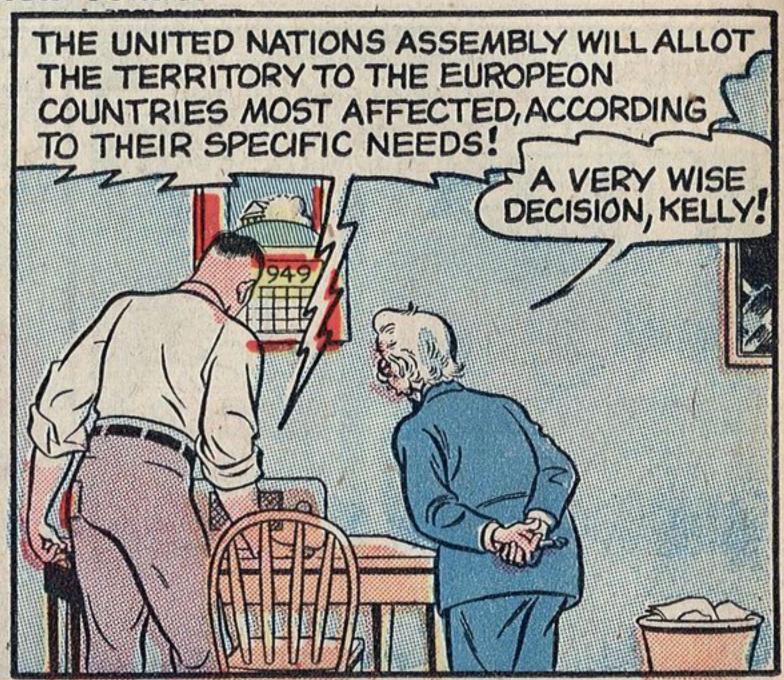
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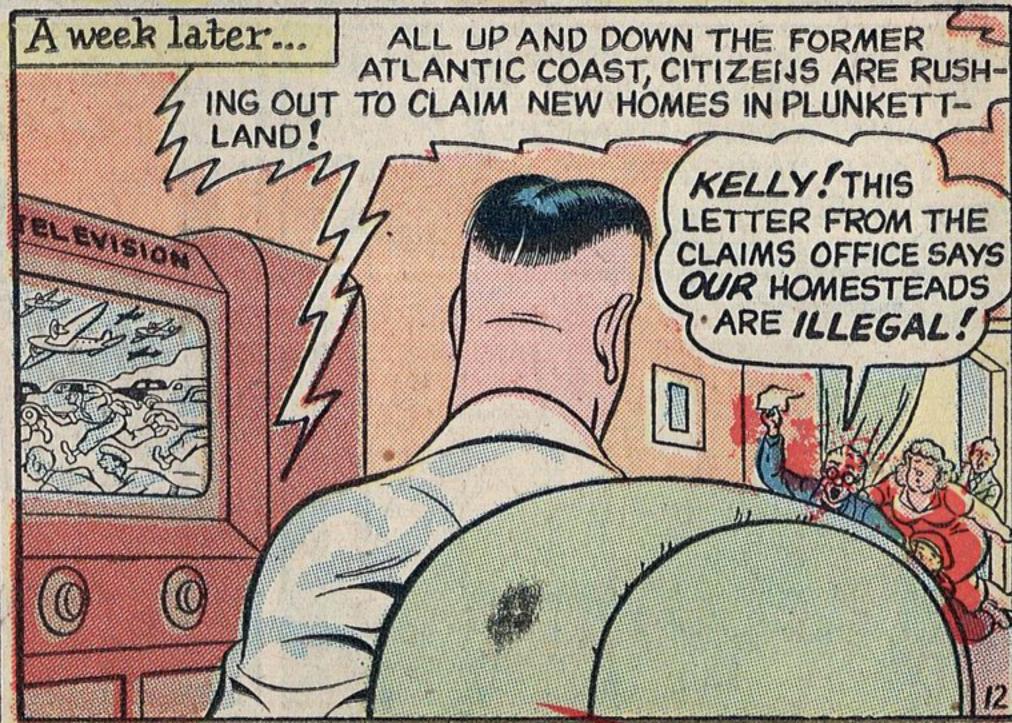


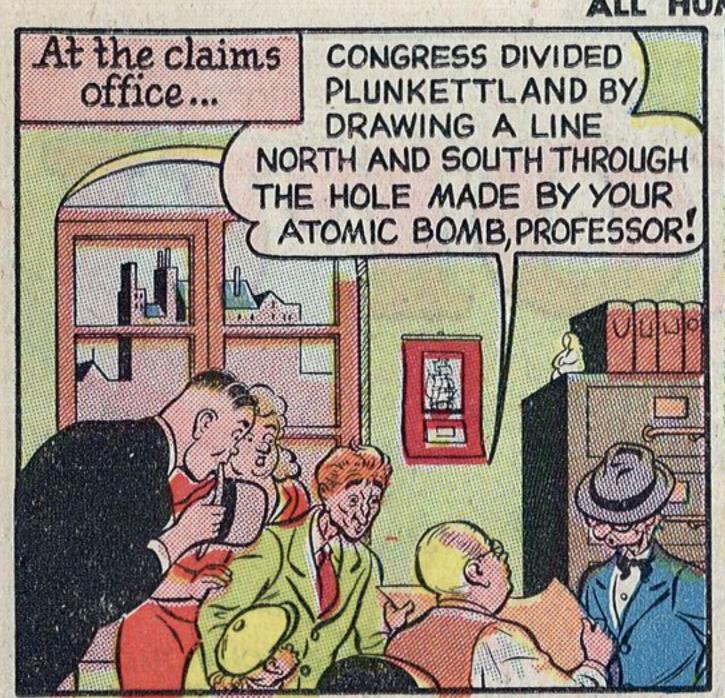










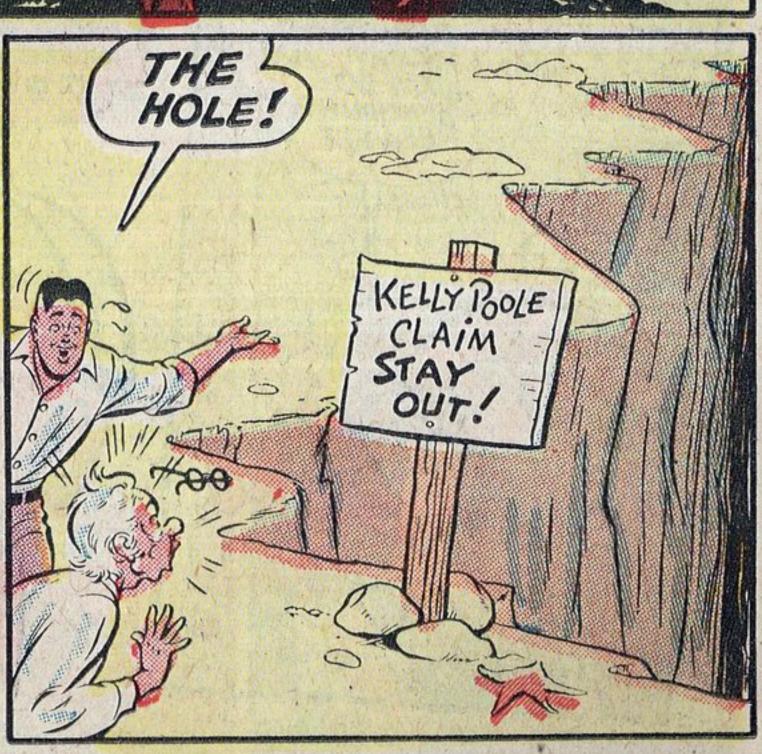


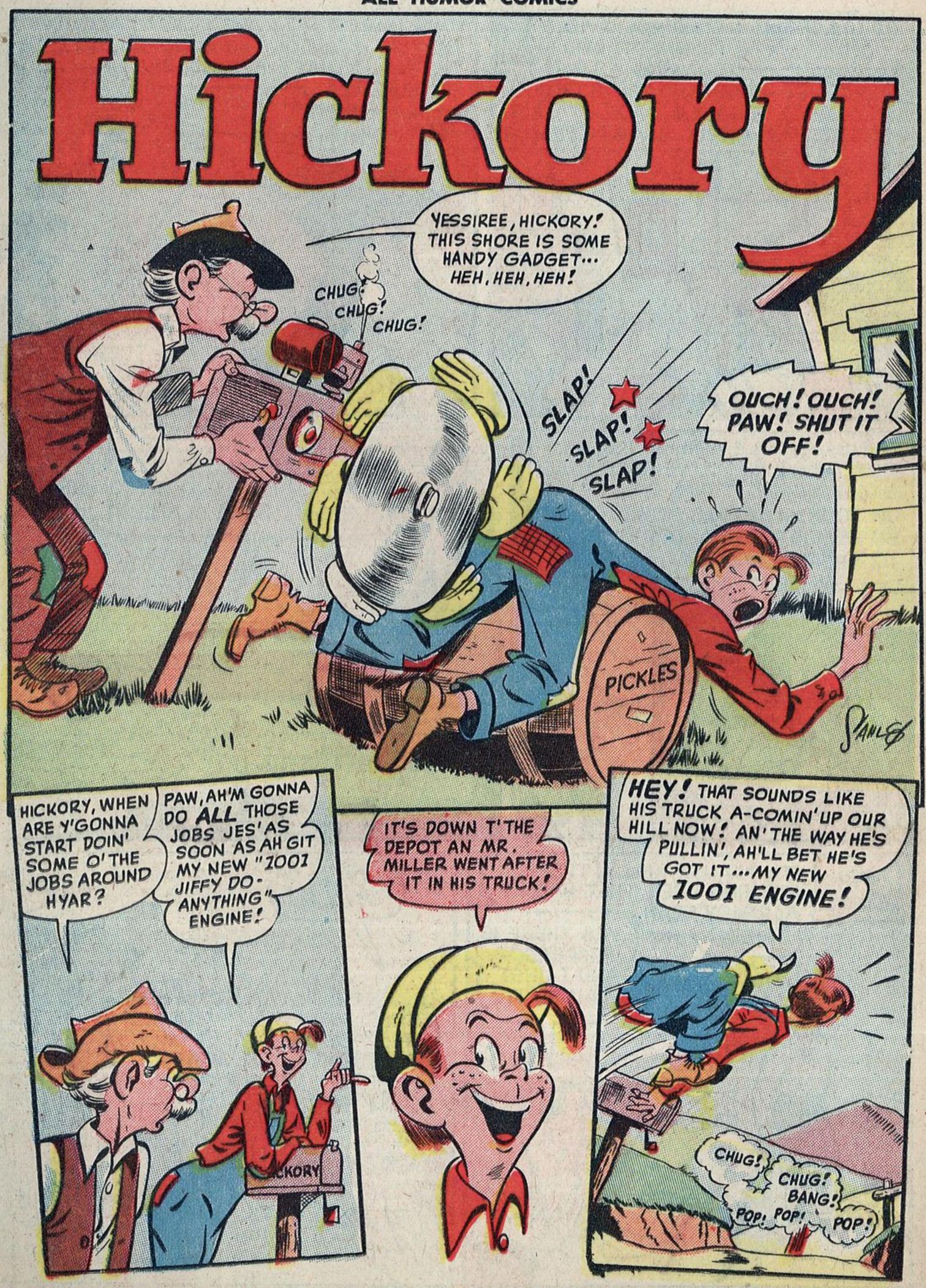


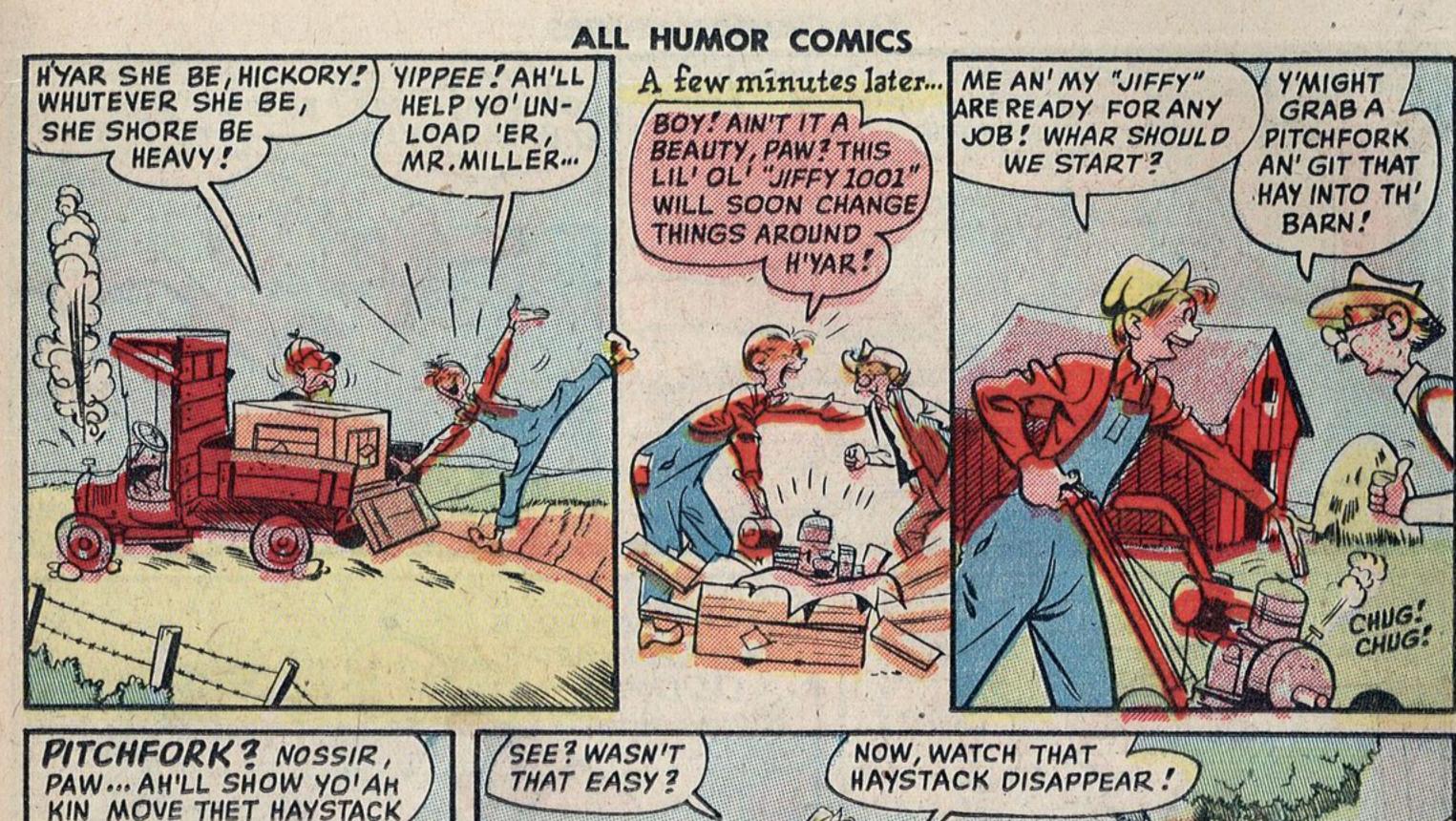




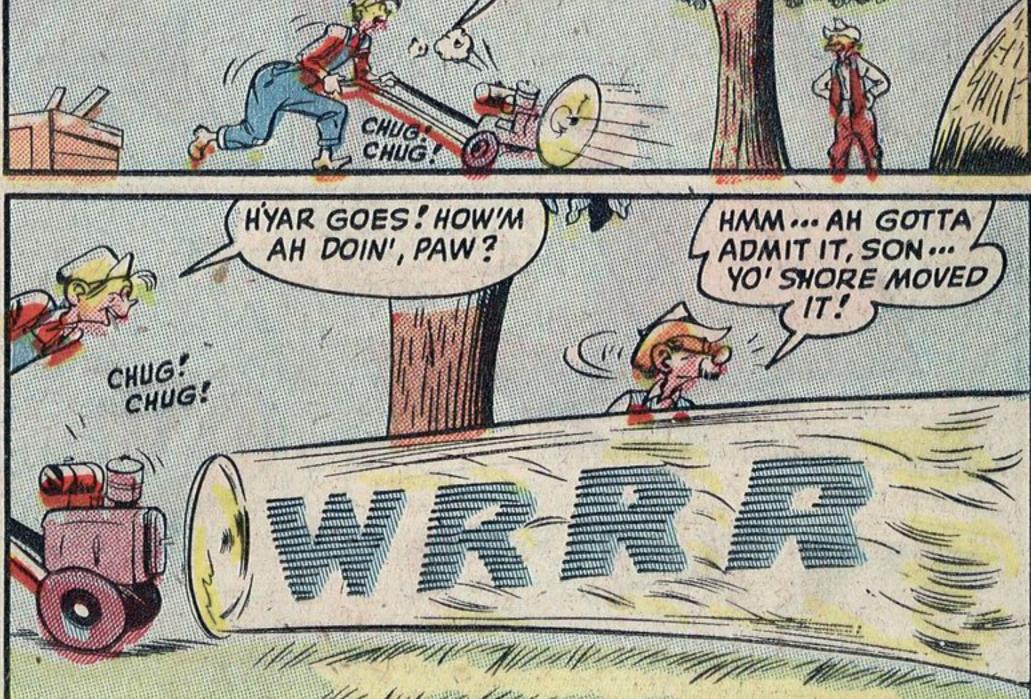


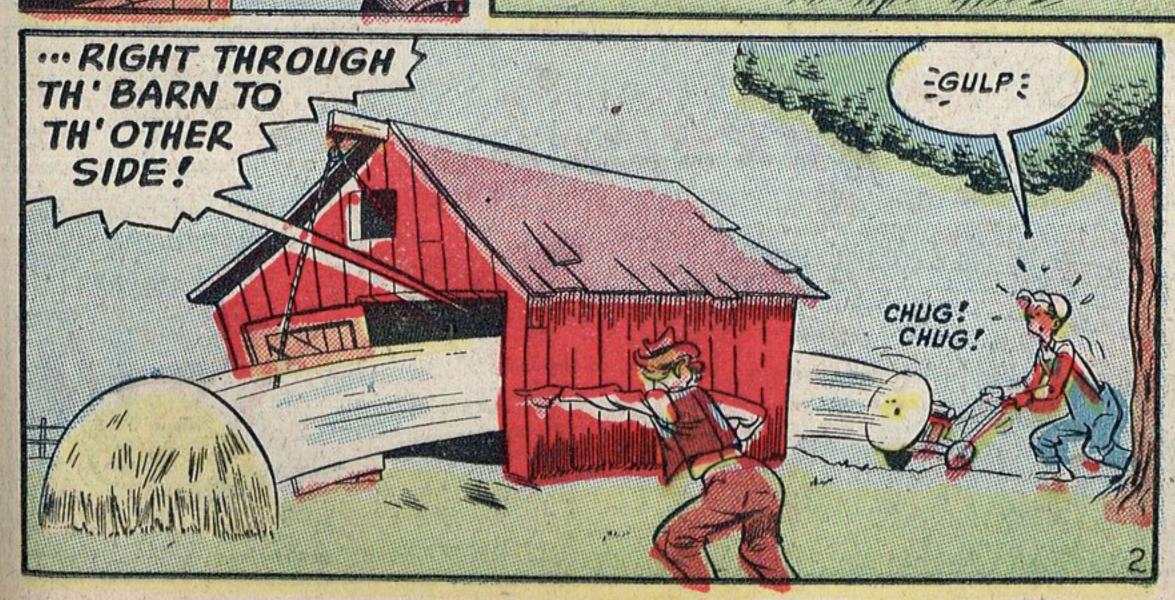




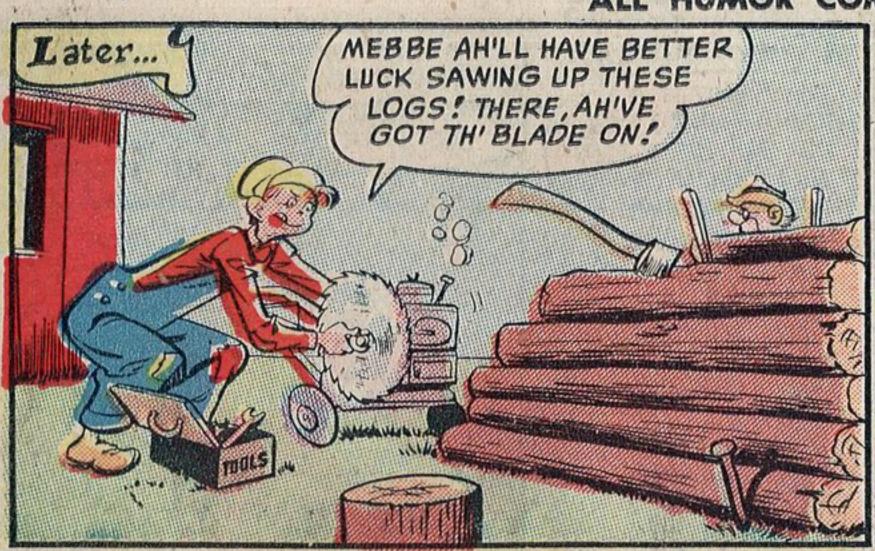


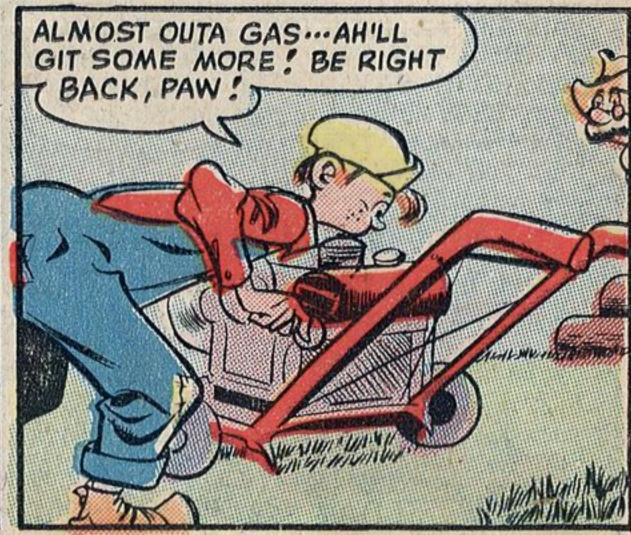


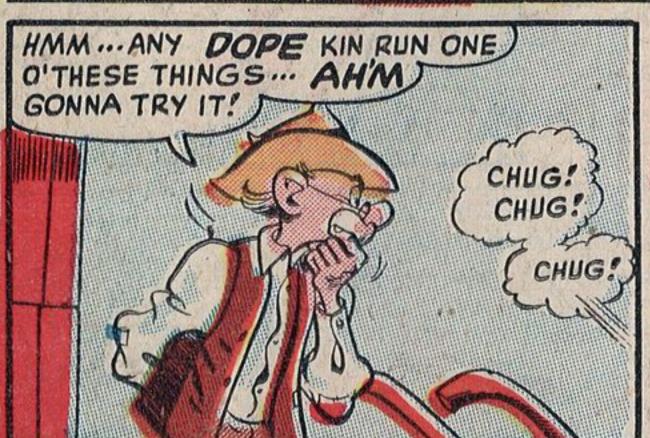






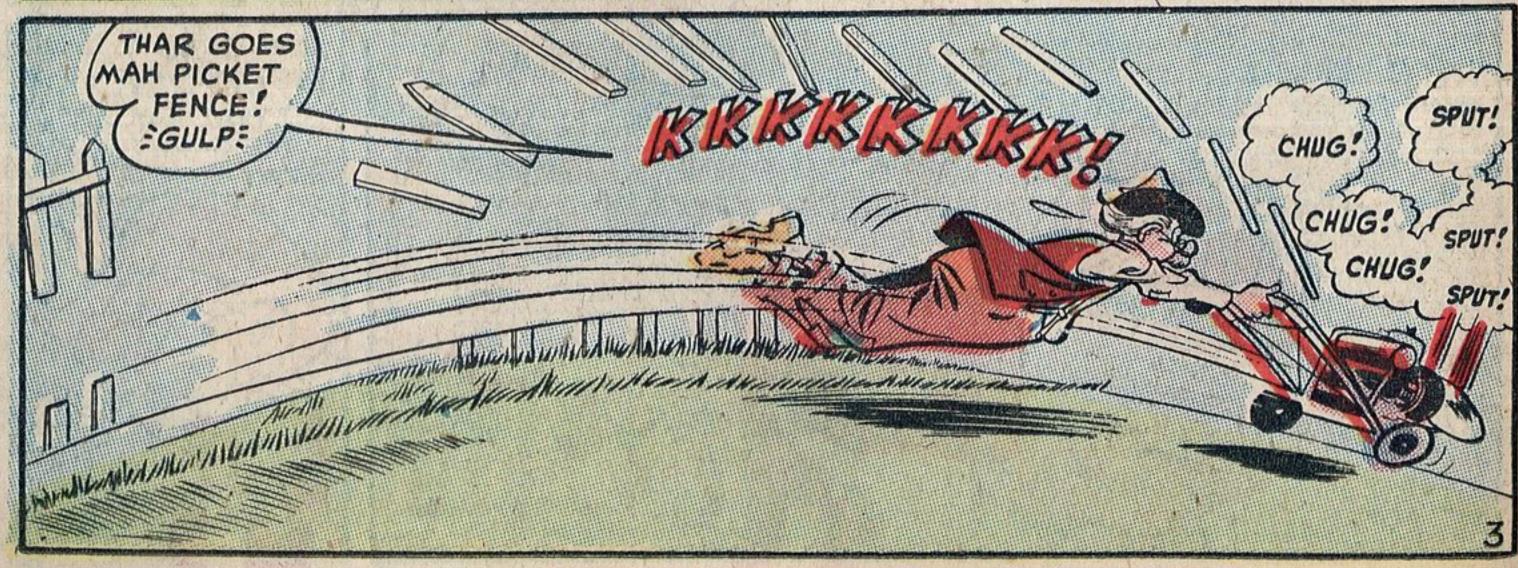


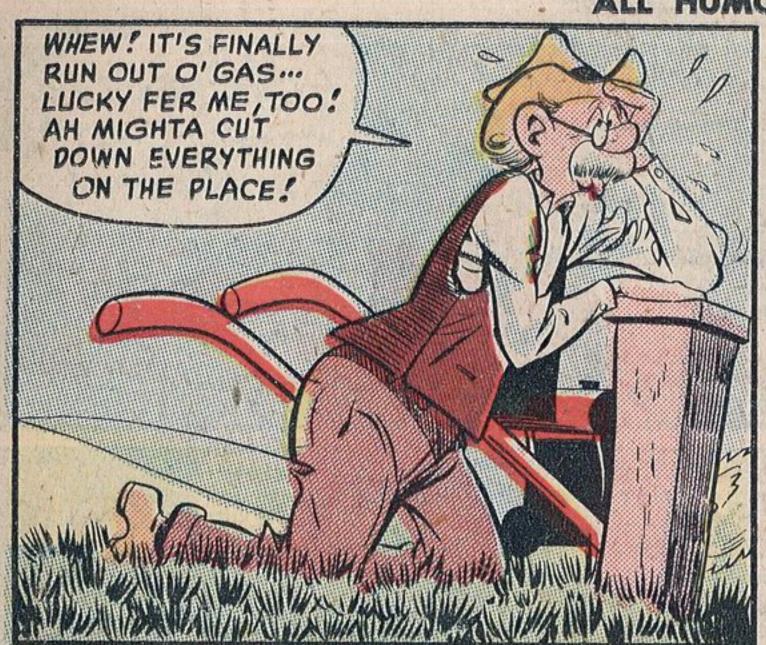




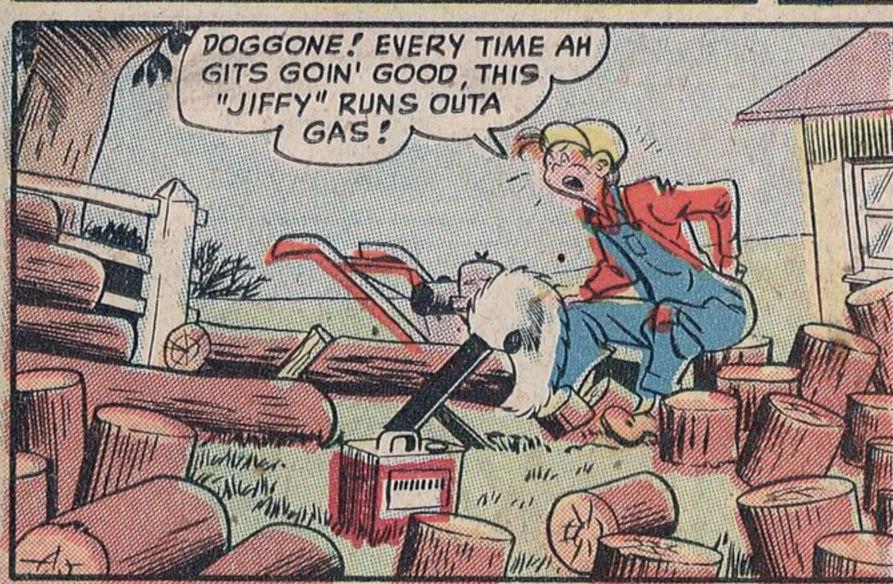


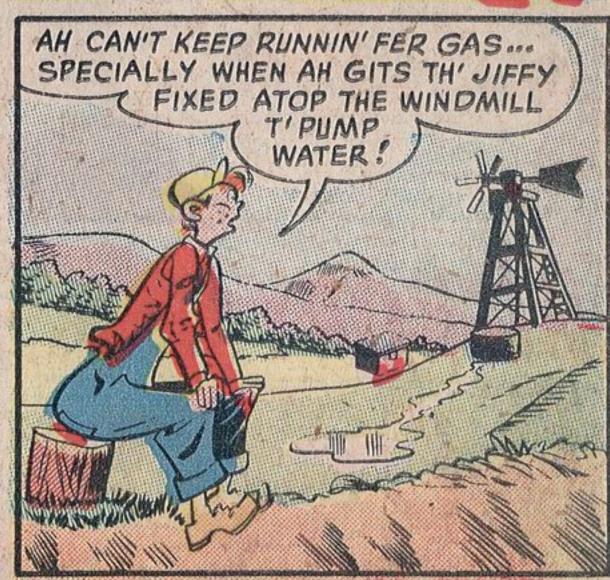




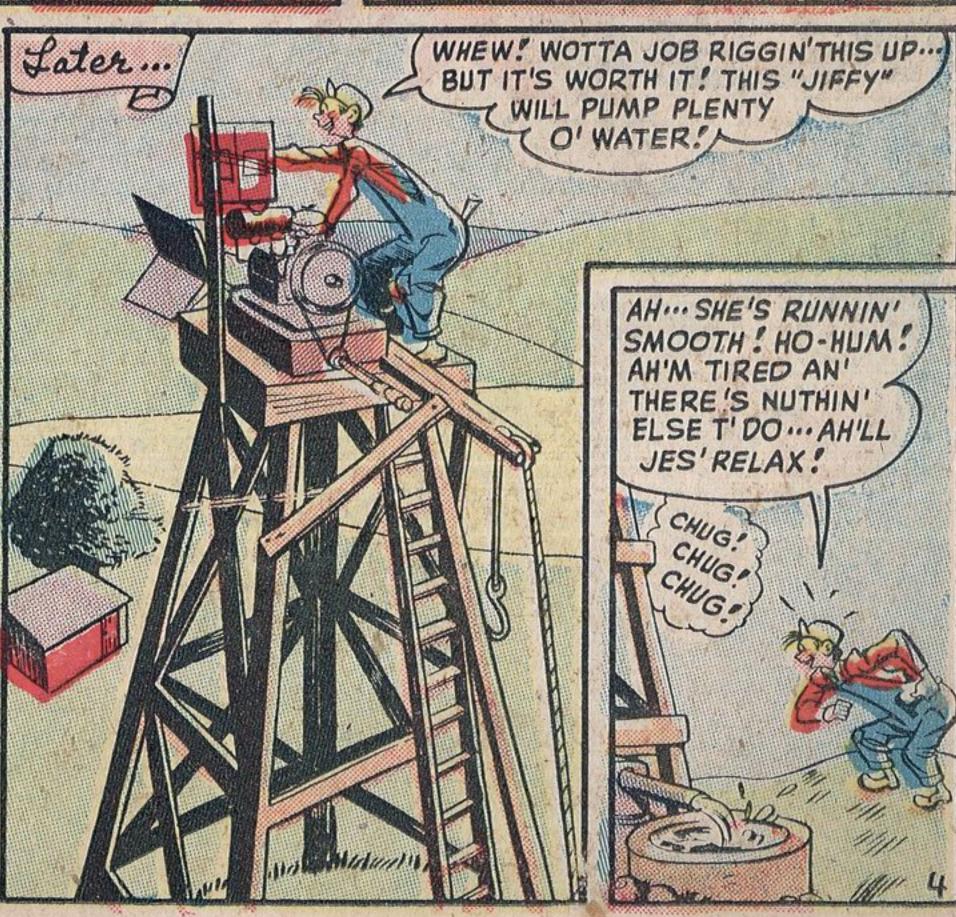




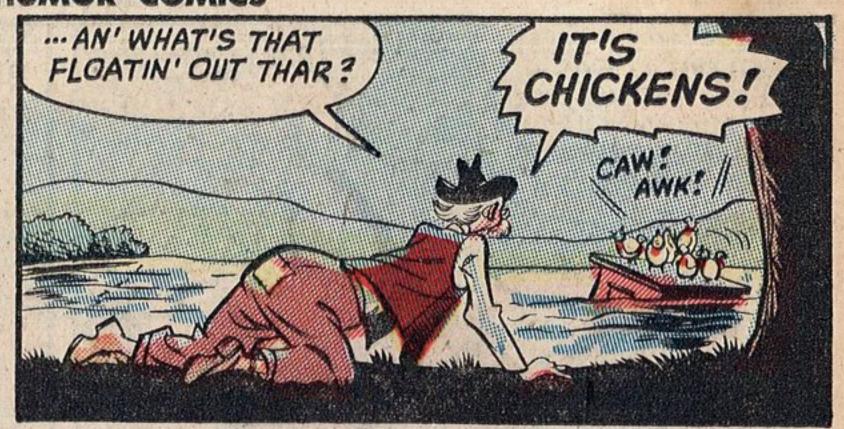






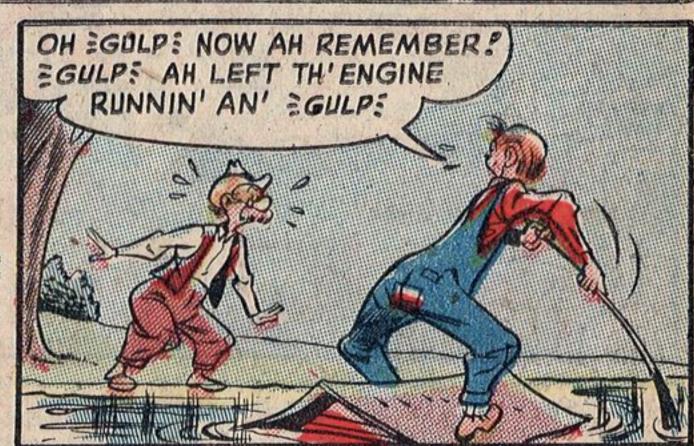


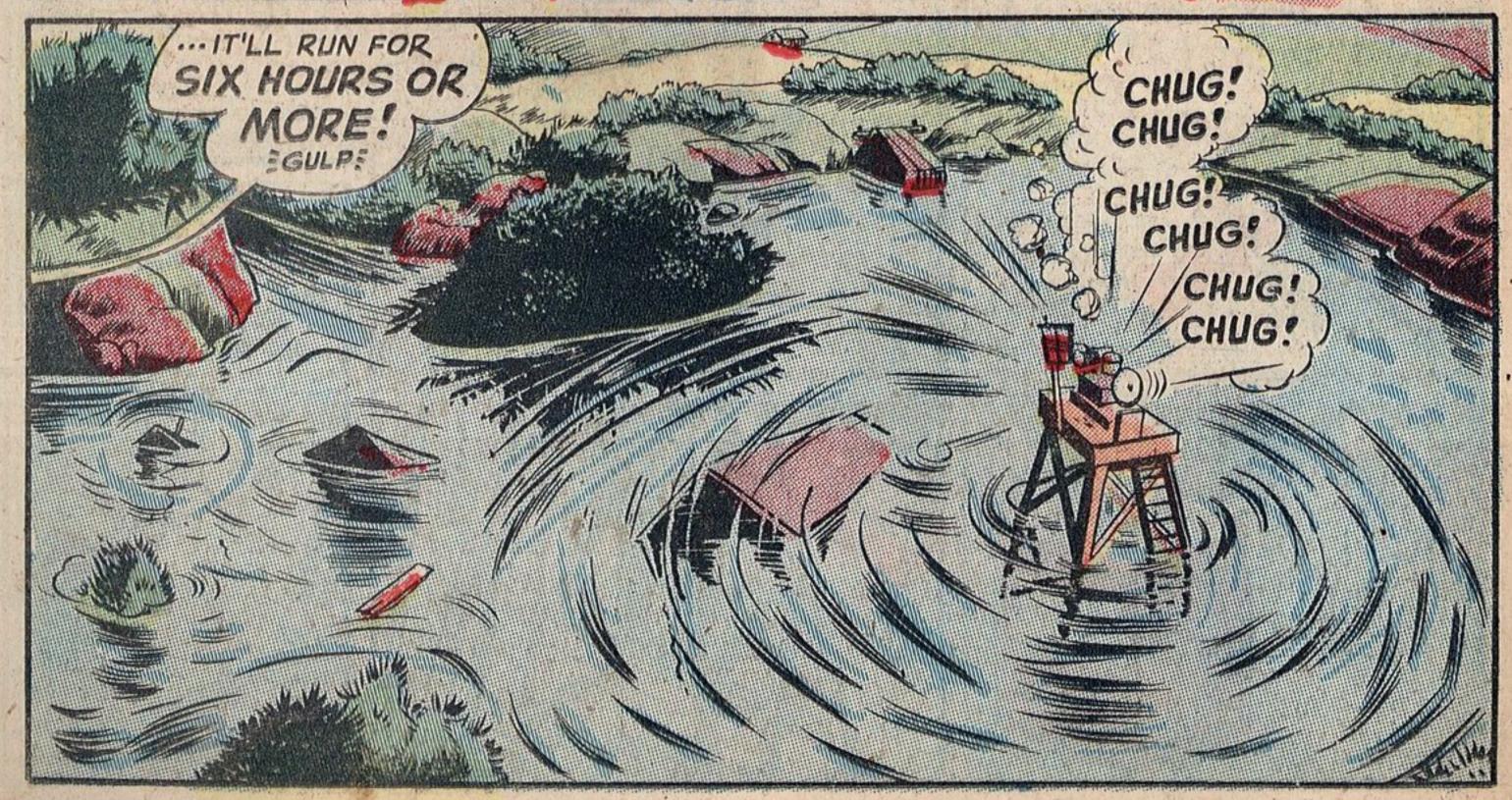
























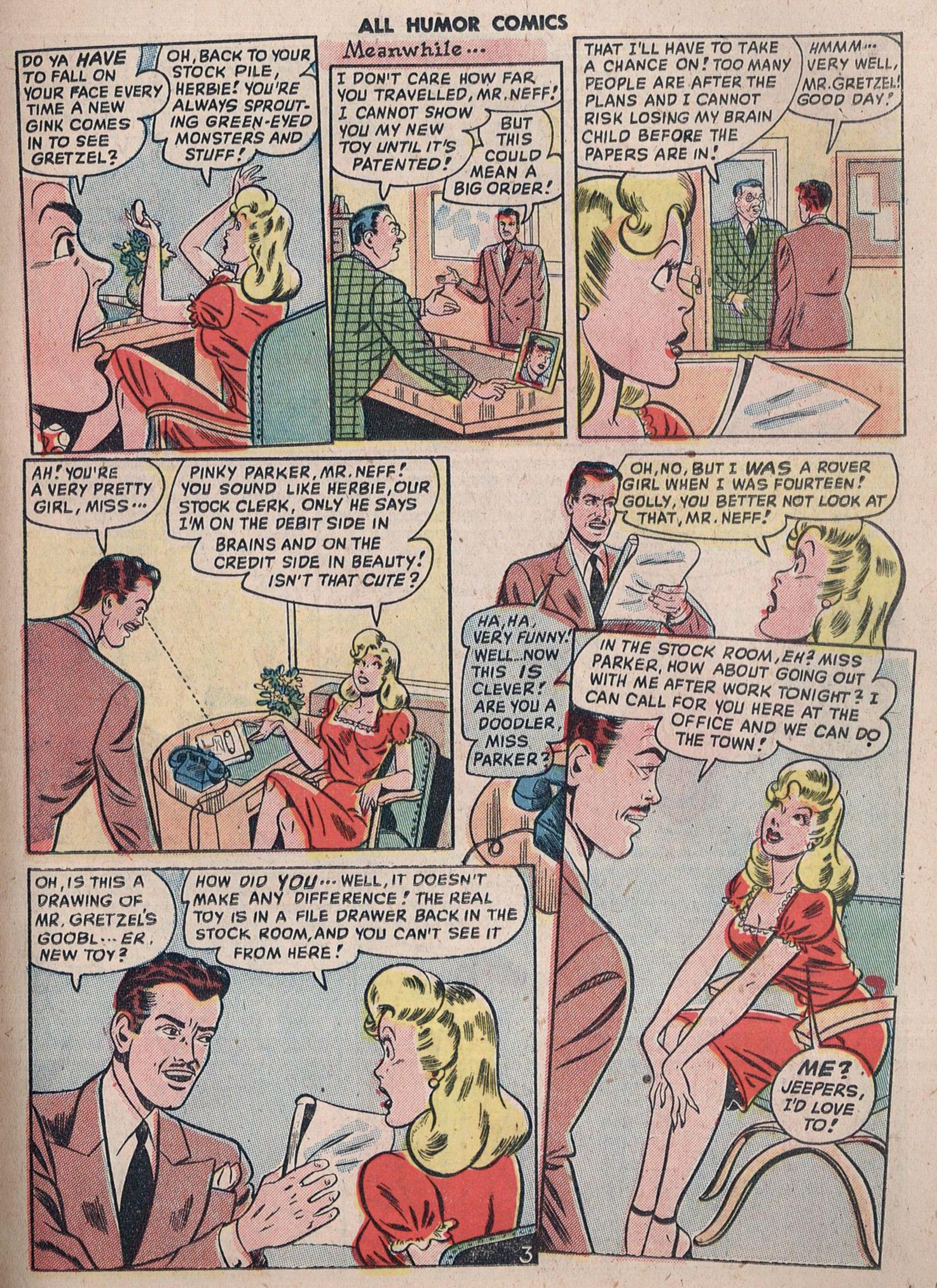


























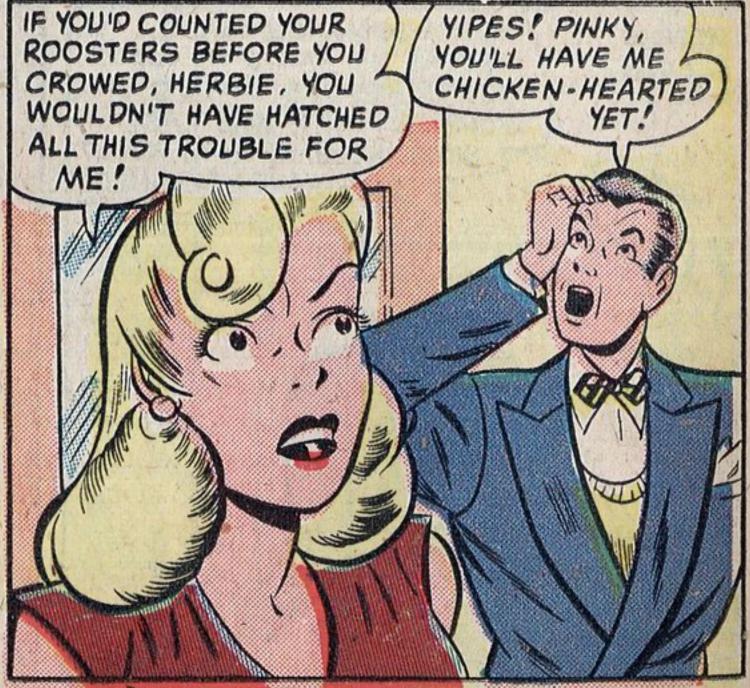












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JNCLE GAMLIN stared ruefully at the brilliant square of television screen in Clancy's Pool Parlor. "That's ten more dollars you owe me, Gamlin," Clancy cackled gleefully. "Kid McGurk's stretched out on the canvas colder than a salt mackeral."

"I can't understand it," Gamlin mumbled.
"My luck is gone. I haven't won a bet from you in a month."

"Luck, you call it," Clancy chortled. "You just don't know how to pick 'em-fighters or horses."

"I still say it's luck," Gamlin said heatedly, brandishing his heavy cane. "This walking stick used to bring me luck but it's lost its charm."

"Hah!" Clancy sneered. "That nobby old shillelagh your grandfather brought from the Old Country isn't worth breaking up for kindling."

"Is that so?" Gamlin replied, bridling. "This was given to Grandfather Finn Poole by one of the Little People he once helped out. It's got powers, that's what it has."

"I suppose you'll be telling me you have your own private leprechaun," Clancy chuckled. "Why don't you get him to lead you to his pot of gold? Then you wouldn't have to owe me money."

"I wouldn't be joking about the Little People," Gamlin warned. "And maybe I do have a leprechaun."

"You bring a leprechaun in here, you superstitious old goat," Clancy said jovially, "and I'll call off all bets you owe me."

"All right, Clancy," Gamlin agreed angrily, "and I'll bet you fifty dollars on the side. By this cane of my grandfather's I'll bring the Poole leprechaun here for you to see by tomorrow night!"

Later that evening as Gamlin walked home he grumbled to himself wrathfully. "Why did I go betting with Clancy again," he thought. "Of all the pig-headed fools. With the rent money due tomorrow I ought to be figuring out a way to get my hands on some money instead of throwing more Clancy's way."

He turned onto the walk in front of his house

with some misgivings. "I hope Fanny is asleep," he thought nervously. "If she catches me coming in at two o'clock in the morning it will be bad enough, but when she finds out I lost money betting on Kid McGurk's fight I'll lose a couple of rounds with her, too."

He hesitated at the front steps and looked in through one of the front windows. "Oh-oh," he murmured. "I think I see her shadow by the window. I'll get it now for sure."

"And well deserving of it too, Gamlin Poole," a shrill voice piped. Gamlin caught his breath sharply and peered about him. The dim street lights shed enough brilliance for him to see there was no one; the street was deserted. He took his cane and probed the thick shrubbery growing to the right of the steps.

"Come out if you're in there," he ordered.

"Look out who you're poking in the ribs,"
the voice said peevishly.

Gamlin stepped back quickly as a little wrinkled man less than three feet tall emerged from the bushes. He had a long white beard and was clothed in a red jacket with seven rows of gold buttons down the front. A tassled red cap flopped over one pointed ear. "Whwhy," Gamlin gasped, "you're one of the Good People . . . a leprechaun . . . unless my eyes are going bad."

"Weren't you the one who was after calling me," the little man said peevishly, "bragging to Clancy about me. I wish I had never promised your grandfather, Finn Poole, that I'd come when a Poole called me by swinging that stick."

"I didn't believe the tales my grandfather used to tell me," Gamlin muttered. "I only said that because Clancy got my goat."

"You'll be the goat, Gamlin Poole," the leprechaun piped angrily, "if you've brought me all the way from the Old Country just to satisfy your worthless friends. What else is it you want?"

"Money," Gamlin said hesitantly.

"You're a disgrace to the Pooles," the little man shouted, "In all of my two thousand years I've never met a more shiftless spalpeen.

"If it's my money you want," he continued, as he turned and disappeared into the shrub-

bery, "that's what you'll get. A promise is a promise."

Gamlin tried to peer into the dense growth of rhododendrons. In a moment the little man was back with his tiny arms piled high with crisp green bills. Gamlin reached avidly for the money but a sharp command from the leprechaun halted him.

"Hold on, Gamlin Poole," he said. "Before I give you this money there are a couple of conditions you must observe you're to tell no one how you got this money and you must give me back that walking stick."

"I'll agree to the first gladly," Gamlin said, "but I won't give up the cane. I know you want to be released from your pledge but I have a lot of things for you to do. This cane will be lucky for me again—if I have anything to say about it!"

"All right," the leprechaun said sullenly.
"You have the advantage; a leprechaun never breaks his word. But I'm warning you that this money will never do you any good."

"You're a smooth one," Gamlin said, as he took the money and stuffed it into his pockets, "but I'm on to you."

"I have no choice as long as you have that cane," the little man growled, "but don't be surprised if things don't work out the way you have them figured. I'll do all in my power to best you."

Gamliu blinked and the little man disappeared. He shrugged his shoulders, took a firm grip on his walking stick and strode into the house.

"There you are, you black-hearted stayout," his wife, Fanny, greeted him. "I was wondering when you'd get enough courage to come in and face me. I suppose you lost more money at Clancy's?"

"That I did, darling," Gamlin said gayly
"I lost ten dollars betting on Kid McGuirk."

"With the rent due tomorrow and no food in the house," Fanny shouted, "you have the gall to come in bragging about your worthlessness. I ought to bounce you clear out of the house."

Aunt Fanny advanced threateningly on her husband, who backed hastily away, raising his hands in a placating gesture. "Easy, Fanny," he said quickly. "If I hadn't lost the money to Clancy and my temper besides we wouldn't have this." He reached into one bulging pocket and withdrew a fistful of green currency.

"Saints preserve us," Fanny gasped. "Real money! Tell me where you got it," she demanded.

"I can't tell you." Gamlin said, withdrawing another fistful, "but there's more where this came from."

"I must be dreaming," Fanny said happily.
"That's it! I fell asleep waiting for you."

"You can rave all night," Gamlin said, stifling a yawn. "I had a busy evening; I'll be off to bed." He piled the money on the living room table and made for the staircase.

"Are you taking that ugly old walking stick to bed with you?" Fanny asked.

"That I am," Gamlin replied. "From now on me and this cane are going to be mighty close." Fanny cyed her husband and cane for a moment, then turned her eyes to the stack of money on the table.

The next morning Gamlin was awakened by a violent shaking. "Wake up, you scheming reprobate," Fanny shouted.

Gamlin sat up sleepily in his bed, then grabbed frantically at his side, asking excitedly, "Where's my cane?"

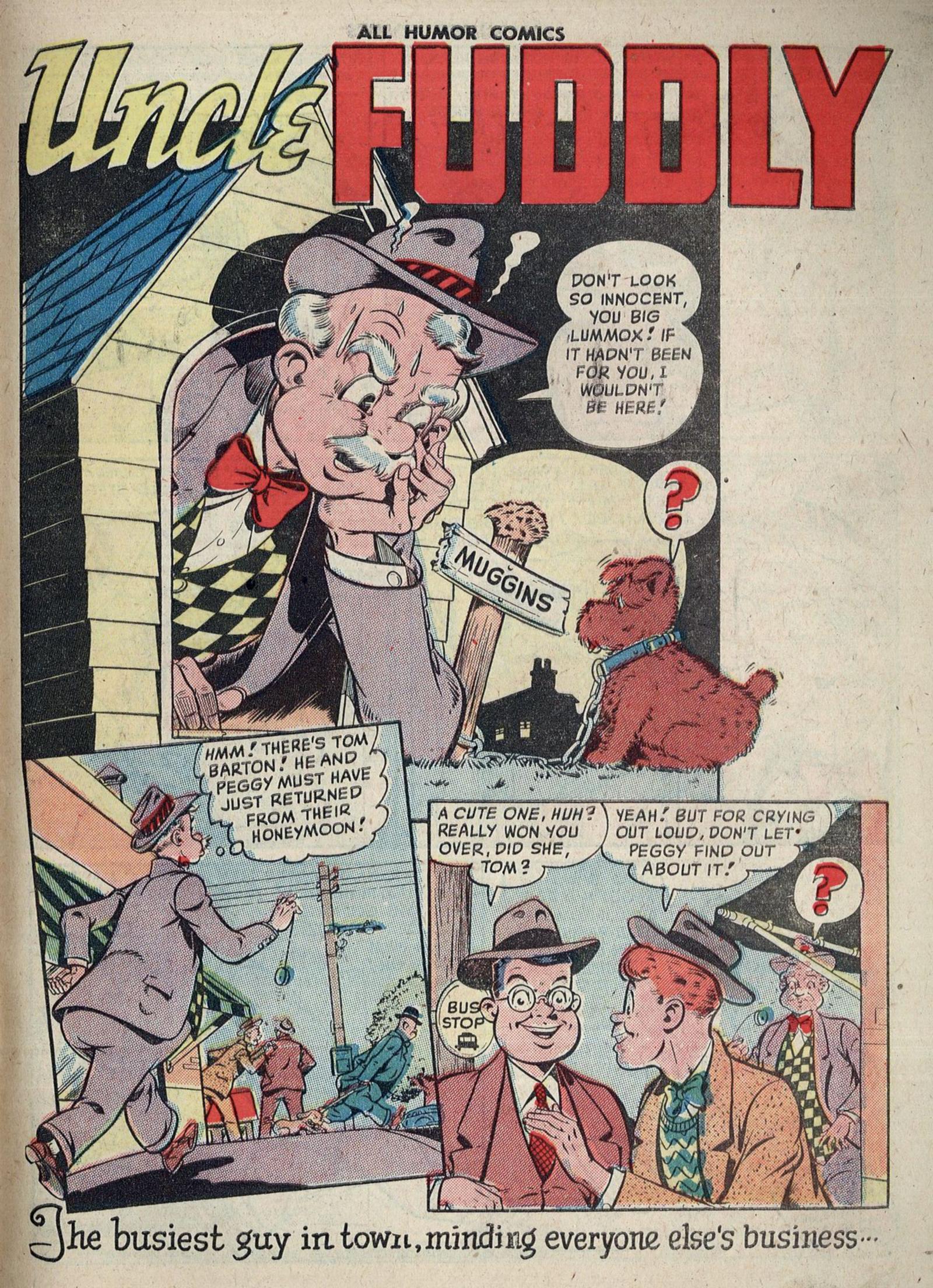
"Never mind that," Fanny said, "just come downstairs and look at the 'money' you brought home last night."

Gamlin slipped on a robe and hurried after the angry Fanny to the living room. There she pointed to the center of the table, where there was a great heap of rhododendron leaves. "Why, that sneaky little . . ." Gamlin sputtered. "Where's my grandfather's cane? I'll show the thief!"

"Oh, that," Fanny said. "I never have liked it so today I got rid of it. A little old junk man gave me five dollars for it this morning." Digging down into her apron pocket she withdrew a crumpled rhododendron leaf and regarded it in amazement. "Well, I'll be jiggered," she stammered.

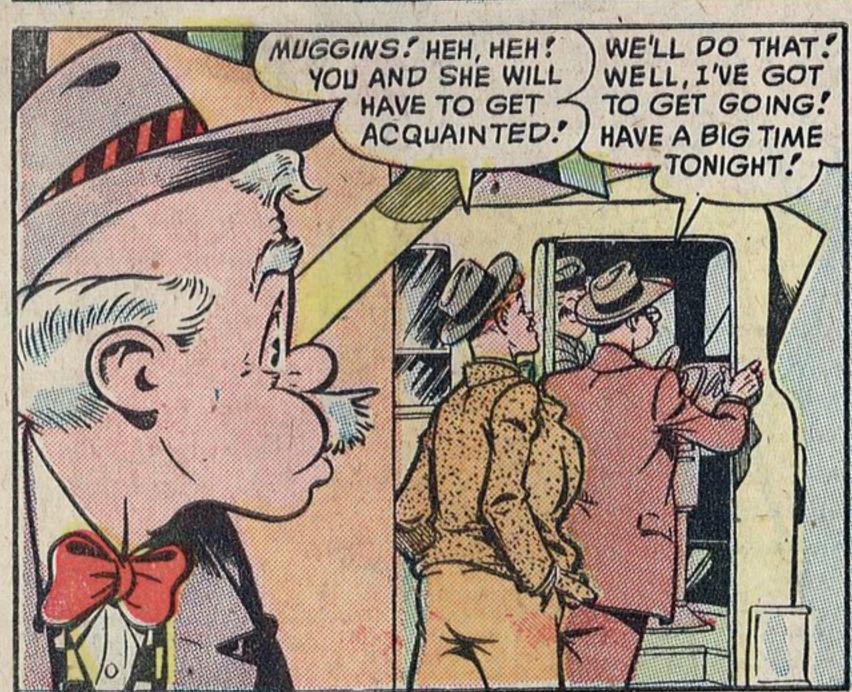
It was shortly after that when Clancy came upon Gamlin digging in the garden. "Say, Gamlin," he said, "I want to tell you I won't hold you to your bet. I had a funny thing happen last night. A little old man came to my place and warned me about gambling . . . oh, never mind, you don't believe me . . . but, anyway, the bet's off."

"Give me a hand with these blasted rhododendron bushes," Gamlin panted, "I'm tearing the lot of them out by the roots."

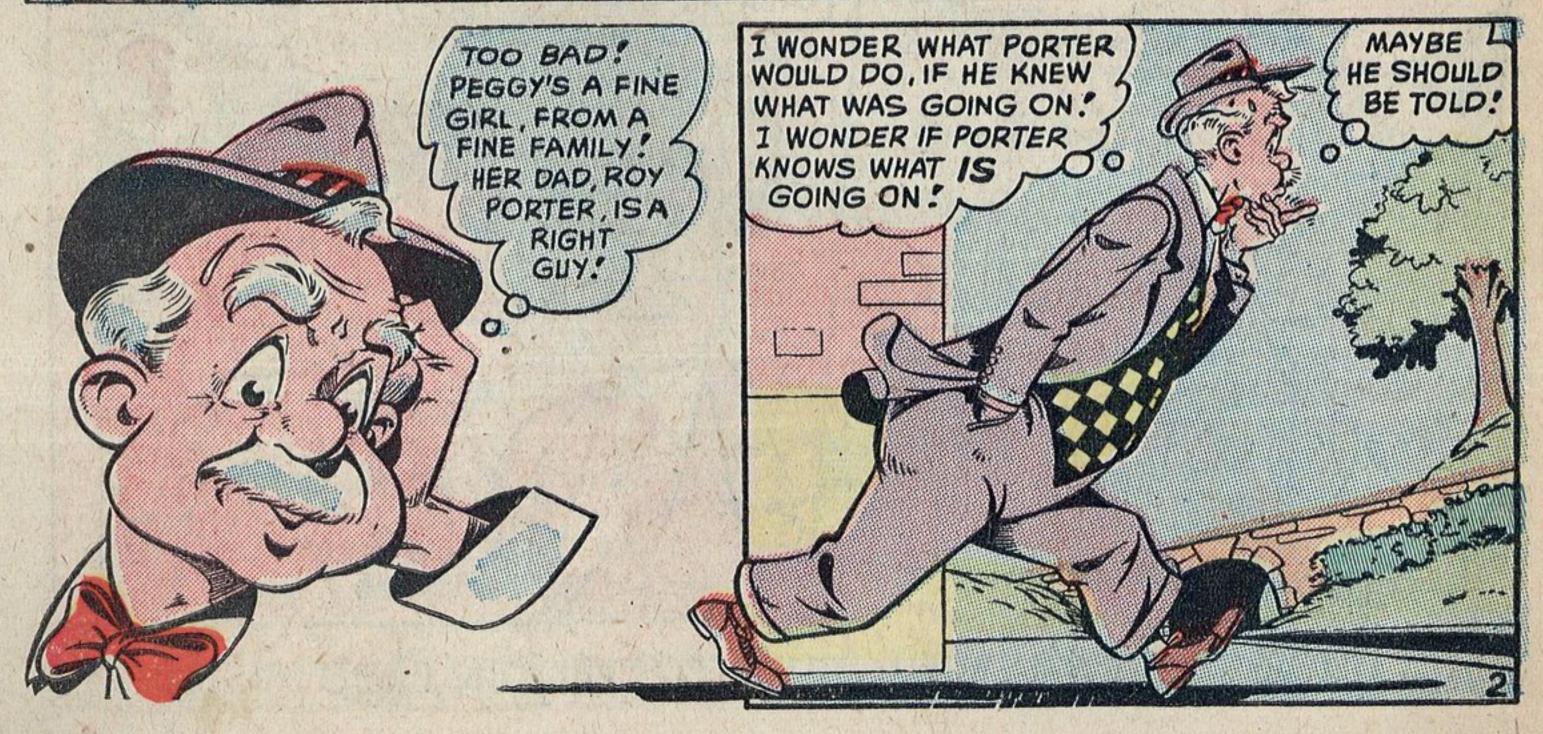


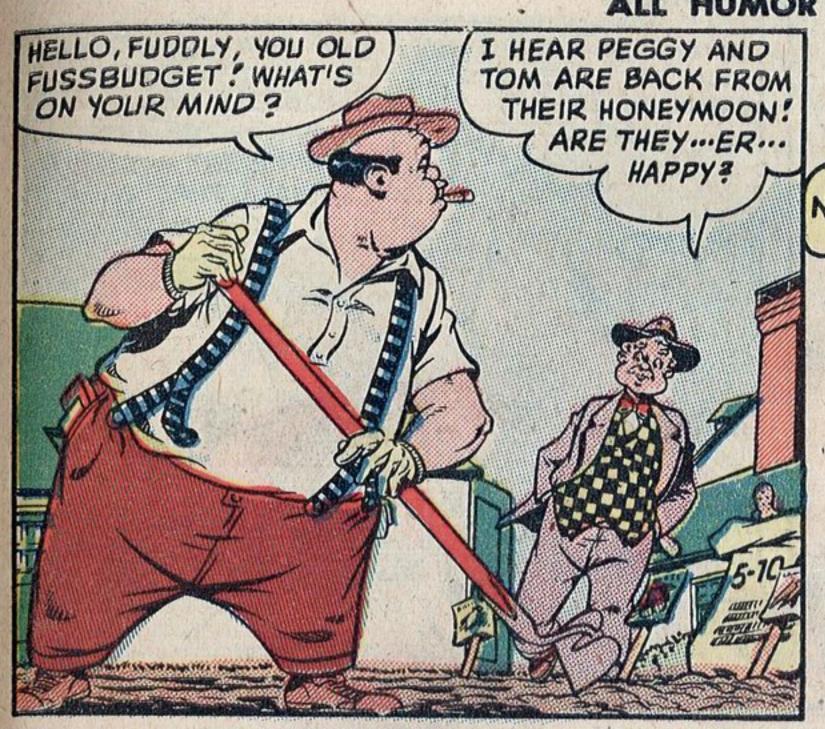


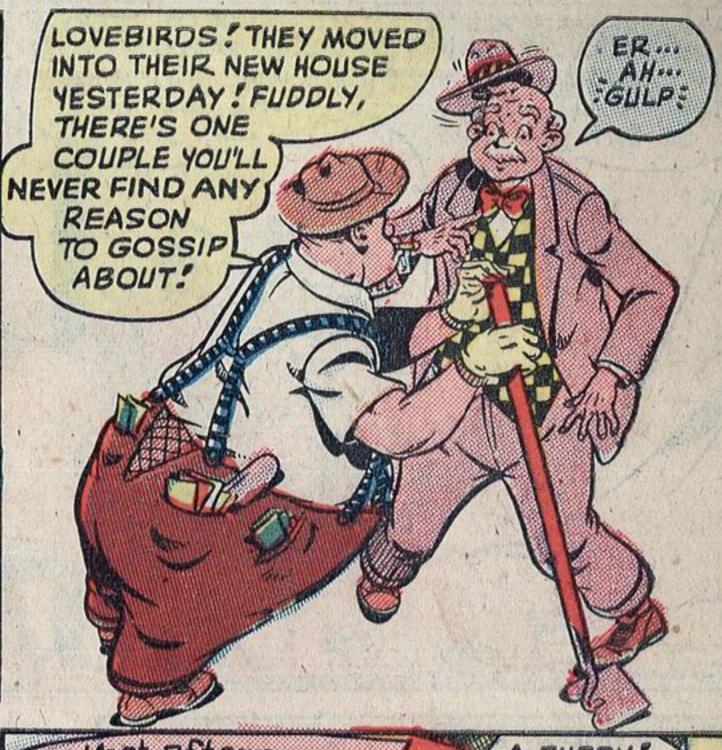








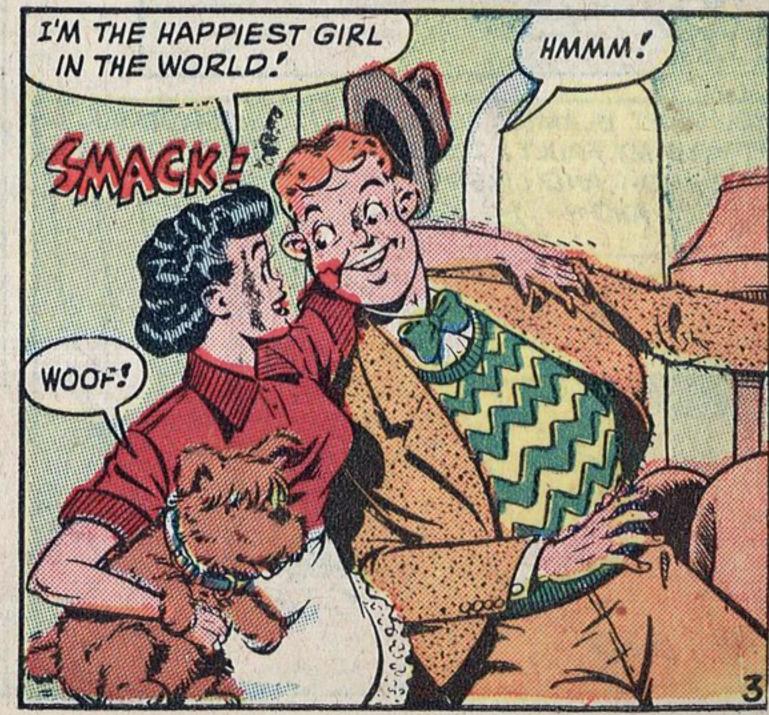


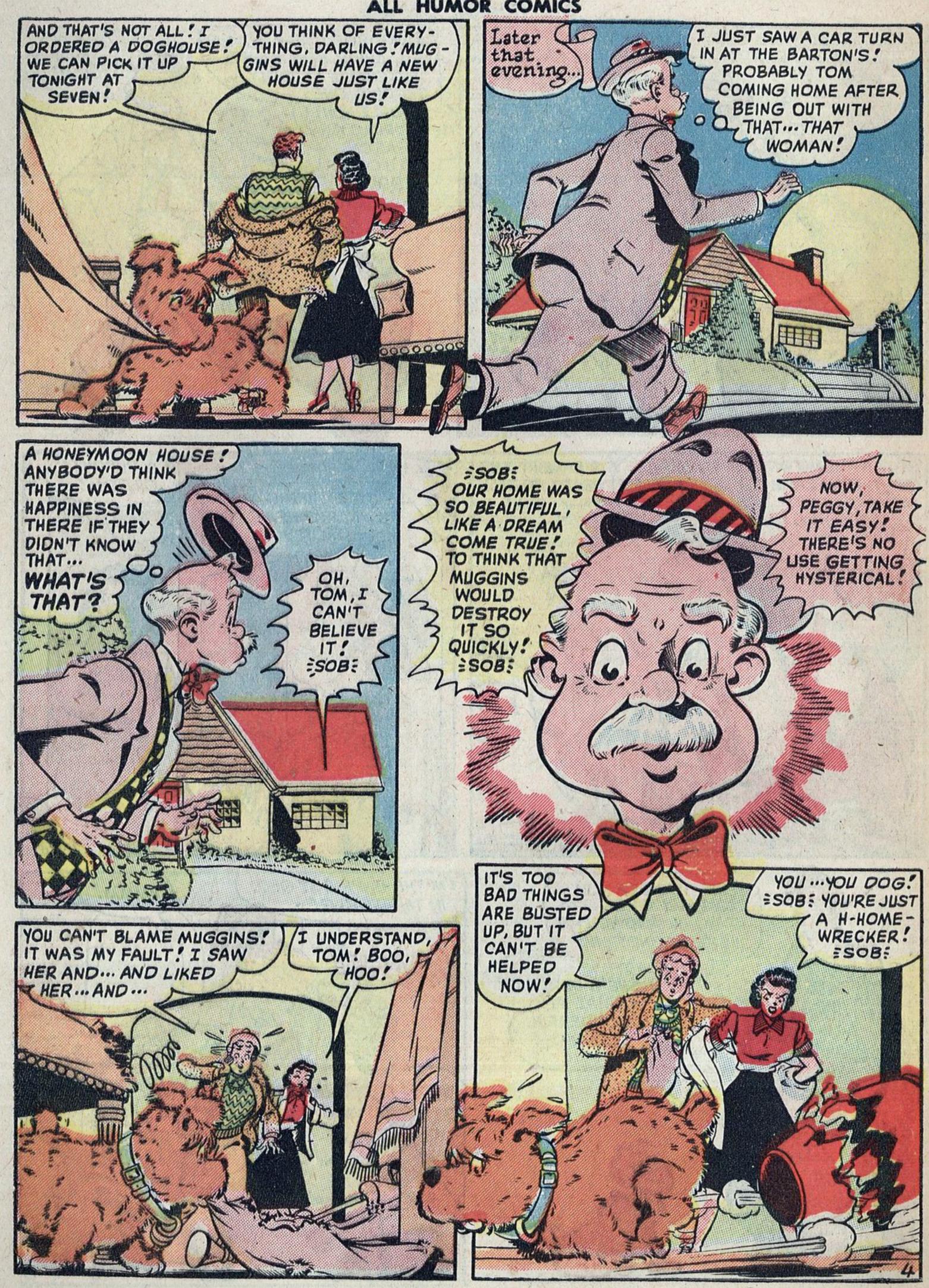






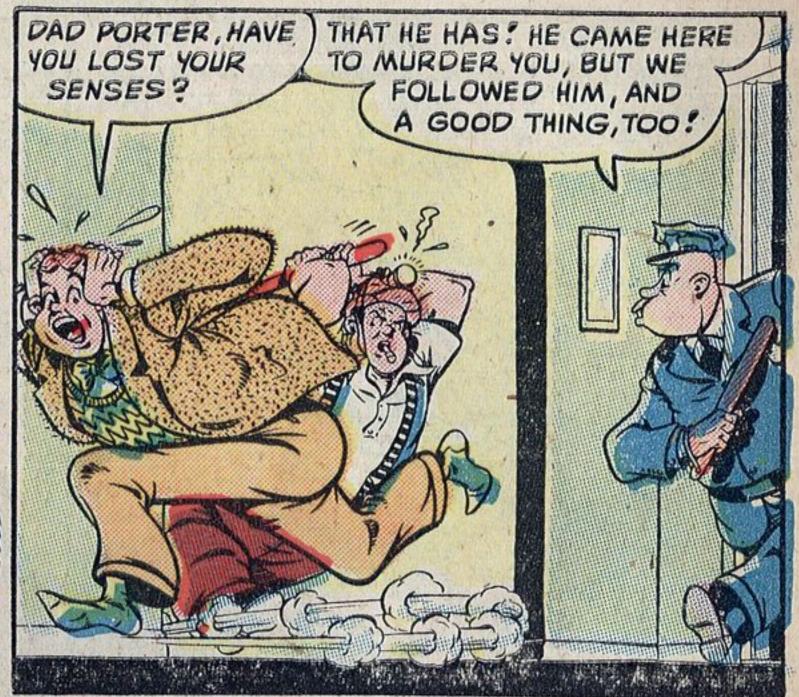


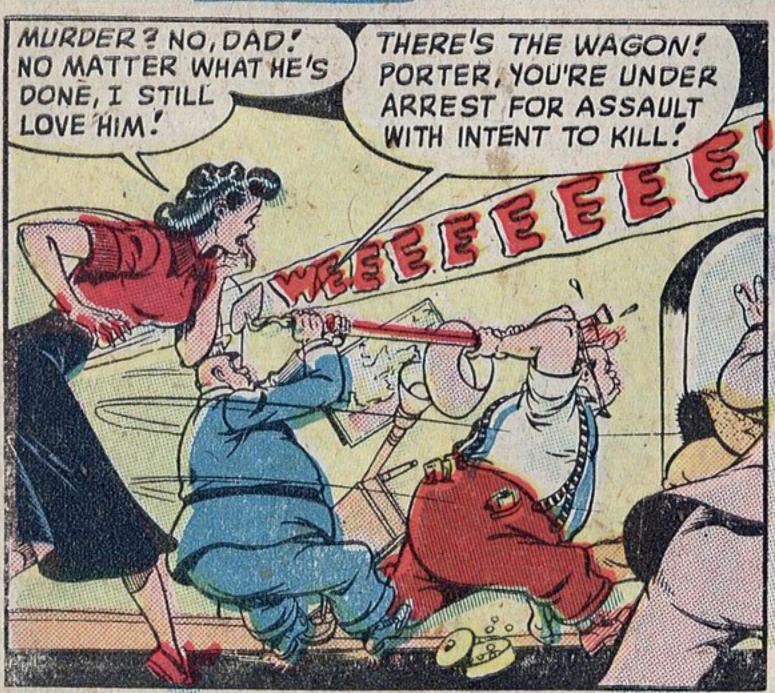


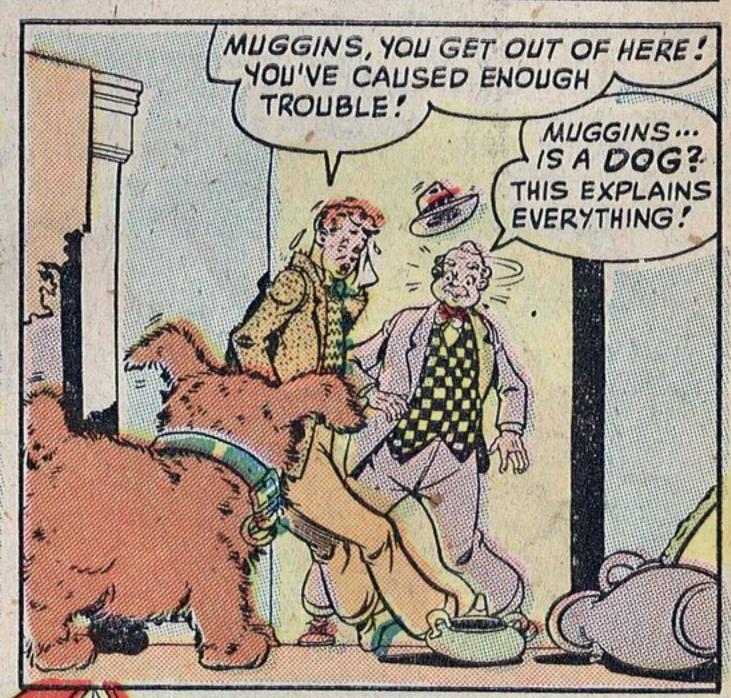














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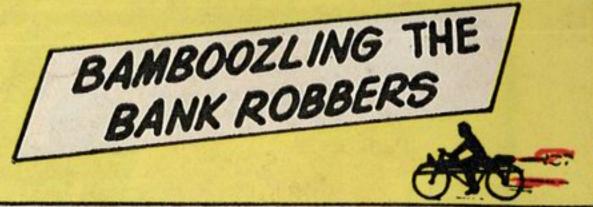
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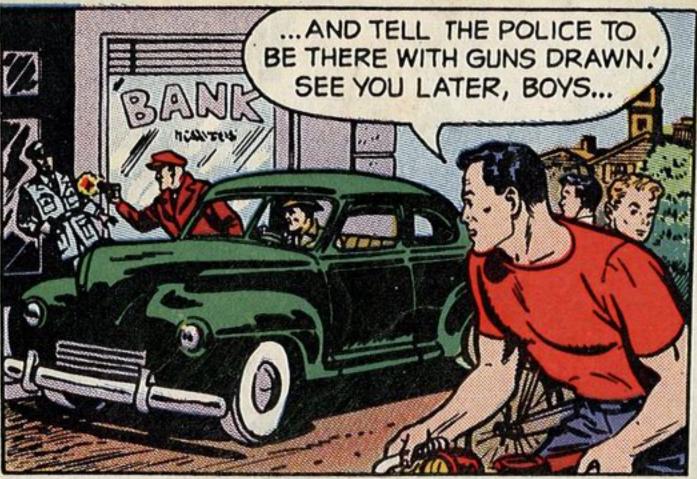
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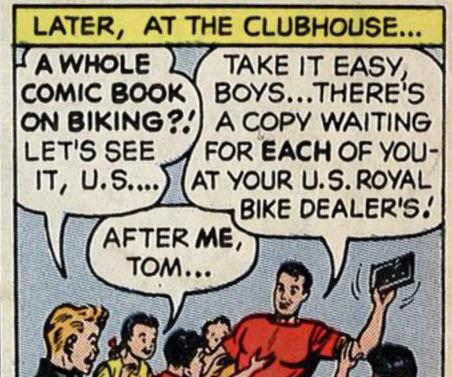
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